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Senate Journal

Tenth Legislature — Regular Session

Senate Chamber Austin November 2. 1863

This being the day fixed by law for the meeting of the Legislature of the State of Texas in regular session, the roll of Senators was called when the following gentlemen Senators elect came forward presented their Credentials and took the oath prescribed by the Constitution the same having been administered by Hon R T Wheeler Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

From the 22nd Senatorial District	John T Marcont
30th	A. a. Mitchell
9th	Rice Maxey
4th	Spearman Holland
3rd	H. M. Kinsey
7th	John M. Moore
21st	Daniel Montague
	Geo C. Wotten
	I. W. Throckmorton
11th	W. G. W. Sowers
2nd	N. B. Charleton
28th	Geo. C. Burney

The roll having then been again called and a quorum answering the Senate proceeded to organize.

The election of a President Pro Tem being in order the Hon John M Crockett Lieutenant Governor being absent Mr Parsons nominated Hon R. M. Gurrin. Messrs Maxey and Parsons were appointed tellers Mr. Dickson being in the Chair. The Senators then proceeded to ballott when Mr Gurrin received 21 votes and Mr. Dickson 1 vote. Mr Gurrin was therefore elected.

For Secretary of the Senate Mr. Burney nominated Mr. P De Cordova There being no other nomination Mr. De Cordova received 22 votes Messrs Burney Dickson and Maxey having been appointed tellers. Mr. De Cordova was therefore elected.

For 1st assistant secretary Mr. Moore of Davis nominated Mr. N. C Raymond. There being no other nomination Mr. Raymond received 22 votes and was therefore duly elected.

For Sergeant at Arms Mr. Weatherford nominated Mr. R. W. Clements. There being no other nomination Mr. Clements received 22 votes and was therefore elected.

For Door Keeper Mr. Parsons nominated Mr. John McCall. Mr. Weatherford nominated Mr. John N Thomas. There being no other nomination the Senators proceeded to ballot with the following result.

Mr. McCall received	16 votes
Mr. Thomas	5 votes
Mr Holland	1 vote

Mr. McCall having received a majority of all the votes was declared elected.

For enrolling clerk Mr Parsons nominated Mr Wm M. Gilleland. There being no other nomination Mr Gillelans was elected having received 22 votes

For Engrossing clerk Mr Maxey nominated Mr Henry Thomas. Mr Dickson nominated Mr T. N. Hutchins. There being no other nomination the Senator proceeded to ballot and the following was the result

Mr Thomas received 13 votes
Mr Hutchins 9 votes Whereupon Mr Thomas was declared duly elected

The officers elect came forward and took the oath of office

Mr Maxey offered the following resolution

"Resolved that the Sergeant at arms of the Senate be and he is hereby directed to procure the use of the bell on the Baptist Church and cause the same to be rung 15 minutes before the hour to which the Senate may be adjourned during the present session" Lost

Mr Harcourt offered the following resolution

"Resolved that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish for the use of the Senate for each member a copy of Oldham & White's digest and of the Constitution of the State of Texas and the acts of the 9th Legislature" Adopted.

Mr Dickson offered the following resolution

"Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be required to employ one porter for the present session at a reasonable rate" Adopted

The Senate then adjourned until 3 o'clk P. M.

3 o'clk P. M.

Senate met. roll called. no quorum. Whereupon an adjournment was moved until 10 o'clk A. M to morrow and carried.

Senate Chamber November 3. 1863
10 o'clk A. M

Senate met. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Harcourt offered the following as an amendment to the 74 rule of the Senate.

"The following standing Committees each to consist of not less than five nor more than seven members shall be appointed at the commencement of each session and no additions shall be made thereto"

Mr Burney offered the following resolution as a substitute

"Resolved that a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the revision of the rules of the Senate and to offer such amendments and modifications as they may deem proper" Adopted The resolution was then adopted.

Mr Wooten offered the following

"Resolved that the Sergeant at arms shall cause to be displayed from the dome of the Capitol the Confederate flag during our sittings" Adopted.

Mr. Quayle offered the following.

"Resolved that the Senate go into the election of Chaplain for the present session immediately" Adopted

Messrs Burney Dickson Harcourt, Throckmorton and Selman were appointed a committee on the revision of the rules

Mr. Dickson offered the following

"Resolved that the Secretary be required to procure the necessary amount of postage stamps for the use of the Senate to be paid for out of the Contingent fund in Confederate Treasury notes." Adopted.

Messrs Dickson Durant and Charleton were appointed a committee to inform the House of the organization of the Senate, also to act in conjunction with a House committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him of the organization of the legislature and their readiness to receive any communication he might have to make to them.

Nominations being in order for Chaplain. Mr. Burney nominated Mr. W. A Smith. Mr. Dickson nominated Mr. Langford. Mr. Mitchell nominated Mr. Bunting

There being no other nominations Messrs Moore of Davis, Moore of Bastrop and Quayle were appointed tellers.

Upon the first ballot Mr. Smith received 6 votes Mr. Langford 9 Mr. Bunting 4 Mr. Clark 2 and 1 blank.

There being no election the Senate proceeded to a second ballot when Mr. Throckmorton nominated Mr. Clark and Mr. Mitchell withdrew the name of Mr. Bunting. The ballot being counted resulted as follows. Mr. Langford received 12 votes Mr. Smith 5 and Mr. Clark 5. Mr. Langford having received a majority of votes was declared elected Chaplain for the present session.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 3 oclk P. M.

3 oclock P. M.

Senate met. roll called Quorum present.

The committee appointed to inform the House of the organization of the Senate and to wait upon the Governor reported duty performed. and that the Governor would deliver his message in person in the Representative Hall to morrow at 10½ oclk A. M.

Mr. Burney chairman of committee on revision of the rules reported the following supplement to the 25th rule.

"Provided no call shall be made upon any senator who has not answered to his name during the session or who may be at the time over one hundred miles from the Capitol"

A message was received from the House informing the Senate of the organization of the House as follows

Hon M. D. K Taylor	Speaker
I. N. Herndon	Chief Clerk
A G. Campbell	1st asst. Clerk
Will Lambert	2 asst.
Fred Carleton	3 asst.

William Hollander . . . Sergeant at Arms . . .
George C. Haynie . . . Asst. Sergt. at arms
Levi Pennington . . . Doorkeeper . . .
Rev. A. Gregg . . . Chaplain and that the House had agreed to meet the Senate in joint session in their Hall to morrow at 3 o'clk P. M to count the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. White offered the following

"Resolved that a committee of three be raised to contract with the Editor of the State Gazette for thirty copies of the tri weekly issue of said paper for the use of each senator present or that may be present provided that the price shall not exceed ten Dollars for Hundred Copies, and that it shall contain the proceedings of the Legislature" Lost.

Mr Burney moved to reconsider the vote adopting the resolution requiring the Secretary to employ one porter. Carried

The resolution was then amended by striking out the word "one" and inserting the word "two" — it was then adopted

On motion the Senate adjourned until 10 oclock A. M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber November 4. 1863
10 oclock A. M.

Senate met roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A committee from the House invited the Senate to the Hall of the House to hear the message of the Governor.

The supplement to the 25th rule reported on yesterday by the Committee on the revision of the rules being read. Mr Parsons moved to strike out "One hundred" and insert "twenty five" Carried. The supplement was then adopted

On Mr Dickson's motion the senate took recess of fifteen minutes preparatory to proceeding to the Representative Hall to hear the Governors message.

The recess having expired the Senate was called to order and repaired to the House

In Joint session

Roll called. Quorum present. The message was then delived by His Excellency Governor Lubbock in person - see records of state department for the message-

The Senate then repaired to their chamber and on motion adjourned until 3 oclock P. M.

3 oclock P. M.

Senate met. roll called Quorum present

Mr. Kinsey introduced a bill to regulate continuances in civil suits Read 1st & 2nd time and referred to Judiciary Committee

Messrs Beasley Dorrer and Mitchell were appointed a committee to act with a like committee from the House to make arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect

Mr. Kinsey introduced a bill to regulate voting in certain cases. Read 1st and 2nd time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Quayle introduced a Joint Resolution asking the repeal of all prop

erty exemptions and property detail laws. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State affairs

A committee from the House invited the Senate to the Representative Hall to count the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Durant moved that the Senate proceed to the representative Hall carried.

In Joint Session

Roll called. Quorum present

The vote for governor and Lieutenant Governor was then Counted and resulted as follows.

For Governor

P. Murrah	received	17.517	votes
T. J. Chambers	received	12.455	votes and 1079 votes scattering

For Lieut Governor

F. S. Stockdale	received	11.152	votes
S. H. Darden	received	8.083	votes
A. M. Gentry	received	4490	votes
P Kittrell	received	4.163	votes

P Murrah having received the highest number of votes for Governor and F. S. Stockdale for Lieutenant Governor then were severally declared by the Speaker of the House elected for two years.

The Senate then returned to their Chamber when an adjournment was moved and Carried until 10 oclock A. M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber November 5. 1863
10 oclock a. m

Senate met. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Harcourt presented the Credentials of John a. Haskell Senator elect from the 27th Senatorial District who came forward took the oath of office and his seat.

Mr. Beasley chairman of committee of arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect made the following report.

"The joint Committee appointed to make arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieut. Governor elect on the 3rd inst beg leave to report that the inauguration shall take place in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 11 oclk a. m. - that the two branches of the Legislature shall meet in the House at a quarter before Eleven the Speaker of the House in the Chair and the President of the Senate on his right that the Chief Justice and associate Justices of the Supreme Court with the attorney general shall occupy seats on the platform before the Speakers Chair - that the heads of departments shall occupy seats on the left of the platform. that the Senators shall occupy seats on either side of the aisle of the House and the Representatives as near as practicable to the Speakers chair, that the Ladies shall occupy seats within the bar of the House and that the Citizens shall occupy seats within the bar and in the Galleries. The retiring Governor, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect with the Committee will enter the House at 11 oclk and be seated. The re

tiring Governor and governor elect on the right of the Speakers chair and the Lieut Governor on the left. Prayer by the Chaplain of the Senate after which the retiring Governor and Lieut Governor will deliver their valedictories and immediately after the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect will have the oath of office administered to them by the Chief Justice."

Mr Weatherford introduced a Bill to grant lands to the soldiers of Texas in the present war with the United States Read 1st & 2nd times and referred to Committee on public lands

Hon. W. E. Wilson Senator elect from the 19th Senatorial District came forward took the oath of office and his seat.

Mr Maxey introduced a Bill for the relief of A. J. Vaughn Read 1st & 2nd times and referred to Committee on claims and accounts.

Mr Quayle offered the following resolution

"Resolved (the House concurring) that a joint Committee of five from the Senate and a proportionate number from the House be raised for the purpose of taking into Consideration matters pertaining to frontier protection" Adopted

Mr Mitchell introduced a Joint Resolution concerning the transportation of persons suspected of disloyalty and treason Read 1st time. a suspension of the rule was moved and lost.

The senate then took recess of ten minutes preparatory to the Ceremonies attending the inauguration.

The recess having expired and the Senate having been called to order Mr. Burney offered the following.

"Resolved that the Committee on Public Printing be instructed to Contract for the printing of 2000 Copies of the Governors message for the use of the Senate."

Mr. Ford moved to strike out "two" and insert "one"

Mr. Mitchell moved to strike out "two thousand" and insert "five hundred"

Mr. Ford offered the following as a substitute for the proposed amendments and the resolution

"Resolved that the Committee on public printing be instructed to ascertain the Cost of printing 2000 copies of the Governors message and report to the Senate" Adopted as a substitute. The resolution was then adopted.

A message from the House announced the passage of a Bill making an appropriation of 10.000$ to defray the Contingent expenses of 10th Legislature. Read 1st time. Rule suspended read 2nd time. Mr. Quayle moved to amend by inserting "in Confederate Treasury notes" Adopted. Rule suspended bill read 3rd time and paped.

The Senate again took recess of ten minutes which time having expired it was called to order and repaired to the Representative Hall.

In joint Session

Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain. His Excellency Governor Lubbock then delivered his valedictory address. After which Hon P. Murrah governor elect came forward and took the oath of office the same having been administered by Hon R. S. Wheeler Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He then delivered his inaugural address.

Hon F. S. Stockdale Lieutenant Governor elect was then sworn in and delivered his inaugural address.

The Senate then retired to their Chamber when the Lieut. Governor having

taken the chair as presiding officer and having made a few appropriate remarks an adjournment was moved and carried until 10 o'clk A. M. to morrow

Senate Chamber November 6. 1863
10 o'clk A. M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Moore of Davis presented the memorial of James H. Rodgers asking Compensation for certain services. Referred to Committee on claims and accounts.

Mr Throckmorton offered the following resolution

"Resolved that the Committee on finance be instructed to inquire into the propriety of reducing the salaries of all the officers of the State Government including the pay of members of the Legislature and report by bill or otherwise" Adopted Also the following

"Resolved that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the number of Judicial Districts in the State and that they report by bill or otherwise" Adopted.

Mr. Moore of Davis offered the following

"Resolved that the Judiciary committee inquire into the expediency and Constitutionality of stopping interest on all debts where Confederate money has been tendered in payment and refused" Adopted.

Mr. Gurrin offered the following resolution

"Resolved that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to take into Consideration the propriety of reporting a bill to repeal the statute of Conventional and legal interest and report at as early a day as practicable" Adopted

Mr. Kinsey introduced a bill to amend the 4th section of an act regulating the descent and distribution of estates passed March 18. 1848. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

The President announced the following standing Committees

Judiciary
Messrs Harcourt
Gurrin
Mitchell
Selman
Shepard
Jordan
Ford

Finance
Messrs Lea
Throckmorton
Dickson
Gurrin
Moore of Davis
Shepard
Wilson

Military Affairs
Messrs Throckmorton
Wootten
Holland
Jordan
Moore of Bastrop
Torrens
Ford

Public Lands
Messrs Charleton
Weatherford
Kinsey
Harcourt
Holland
Quayle
Wootten

State affairs
Messrs Shepard
Ford
White
Maxey
Kinsey

Education
Messrs Dickson
Jowers
Harcourt
Wootten
Quayle

Internal Improvements
Messrs Parsons
Jordan
Throckmorton
Beasley
Hartley
Mitchell
Shepard

Private Land Claims
Messrs Weatherford
Burnes
Charleton
Maxey
Ford

Claims & Accounts
Messrs Giesen
Moore of Davis
Quayle
White
Dickson

Printing & Cntg expenses
Messrs Ford
White
Moore of Bastrop
Wootten
Holland

Indian affairs
Messrs Burney
Moore of Bastrop
Montague
Wilson
Magoffin
Selman
Haskell

Penitentiary
Messrs Selman
Moore of Davis
Dickson
Ford
Burney

Counties & County boundaries
Messrs Wootten
Parsons
Durant
Weatherford
Cooley

Roads, bridges & ferries
Messrs Moore of Bastrop
Beasley
Kinsey
Montague
Magoffin

Confederate Relations
Messrs Durant
Hartley
Jowers
Ford
Wilson

Engrossed Bills
Messrs Moore of Davis
Jowers
Kinsey
Jordan
Beasley

Enrolled Bills
Messrs Wilson
Rea
Dickson
Cooley
Maxey

Mr. Wootten offered the following

"Resolved that a select committee of three be instructed to ascertain the amount of University Lands heretofore sold upon which no payment has been made; also to inquire the amount of University land unsold. Also to ascertain the number of sections of land surveyed and belonging to the State within the Memphis and El paso and pacific rail road reserve. Also to ascertain the amount of alternate rail road sections of land surveyed and belonging to the State and the amount of land surveyed and field notes returned to the General Land office of the four leagues of land heretofore set apart for Indian purposes and report the same to the Senate at as early a day as practicable" Adopted.

A message from the House announced a Concurrence in the Senates Amendment to the bill appropriating 10000$ for contingent expenses of 10th Legislature

Mr. Burney offered the following

"Resolved that the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to take into Consideration the propriety of a further suspension of the laws to enforce the Collection of debts and report by bill or otherwise" Adopted.

Mr. Dickson offered the following

"Resolved that the Committee on finance consider the propriety of levying a tax on specie payable in Kind and that they report by bill or otherwise." Adopted.

Messrs Wootten Dickson and Mitchell were announced as the Committee indicated by Mr Woottens resolution

Mr. Harcourt offered the following

"Resolved that the Committee on printing and Contingent expenses be authorized to contract for the printing of 2000 Copies of the inaugural address of Governor Murrah and the valedictory of Governor Pickock for the use of the Senate" Adopted.

Mr. Ford introduced a Bill to encourage the erection of certain machinery by donation of land. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Committee on State affairs.

The Senate then adjourned until 4 oclock P. M.

4 oclock P. M

Senate met. roll called. Quorum present.

On Mr Gunnis motion the Sergeant at arms was granted leave of absence for several days.

Mr. Ford offered the following.

"Resolved that the Committee on public printing be authorized to Contract for the printing of ten Copies for each Senator of the triweekly Gazette"

Mr. Selman moved to amend by adding "and that said Copies be delivered to the Senators on the day of publication" Adopted The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a Bill to amend the 1st section of an act to fix the salaries of clerks and officers therein named. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Committee on State affairs.

Mr. Durant offered the following.

"Resolved that the Committee on Military affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing all exemptions to service in the State not secured by the Constitution and report by bill or otherwise"

Adopted.

A joint resolution relative to the transportation of persons suspected of disloyalty and treason being in order was read 2nd time. Mr. Trotter offered a substitute The joint Resolution and substitute were referred to Judiciary Committee
The Senate then adjourned until 10 oclk A. M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber November 7 1863
10 oclk A. M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of Yesterday was read and adopted

Mr. White from the committee on State affairs on behalf of the majority reported the bill to amend the 1st section of an act to fix the salaries of the officers and clerks therein named and recommended (~~its passage~~) that it do not pass.

The following minority report was also presented

"The committee on State affairs have had the bill to amend the 1st section of an act to fix the salaries of the officers and clerks therein named under consideration and I beg leave to make a minority report. It appears that the present salary of the Governors private secretary is insufficient to support an efficient officer or induce the acceptance of the office. The salary of the Governor private secretary is now less than that of any other clerk of equal importance. I therefore as a minority of the Committee recommend the passage of the bill."

Rice Maxey
One of the Committee.

Mr. Ford made the following report.

"The committee on public printing and Contingent expenses have contracted with the publishers of the State Gazette for the publication of 2000 copies each of the Governors message and valedictory at the following price. For the former $293.32
latter 168.00
461 32 Under this contract the Senate is to furnish the paper upon which to publish said documents which will cost about the sum of 280$
The Governors inaugural address is not yet ready for the printer.
The charges for the Gazette are as follows per hundred Copies
For the triweekly 20$
" Weekly 30$.
The Committee have not closed a contract for papers as they believe it will be many hundred dollars cheaper to procure the weekly instead of the Triweekly Gazette. I am therefore directed to report the accompanying resolution and ask its adoption

"Resolved that the Committee on printing be authorized to contract for 10 copies of Weekly Gazette for the use of each Senator, provided the same shall Contain the proceedings of the Senate and be paid for in Confederate States Treasury notes"

Mr. Guion introduced a Bill for the relief of Gen. C. Burney. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Committee on Claims and accounts.

Mr. Marcont introduced a Bill to incorporate the Columbus Tap railway Company. Read 1 & 2. time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Holland introduced a bill for the enrollment and organization of state troops. Read 1. & 2 times and referred to Committee on Military affairs.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a Bill to suspend the location and survey of public Lands Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Committee on public Lands.

The report of the Committee on Public Printing was taken up.

Mr. Dickson Called for a division of the questions embraced in the report. So much of said report as refers to the printing of the valedictory address of Gov. Lubbock and the inaugural address of Gov. Murrah was adopted

The question being on the adoption of the resolution proposed Mr. Gurley offered the following as a substitute

"Resolved that it is the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Public Printing do not contract for any copies either of the triweekly or weekly gazette for the use of Senators under the resolution adopted on yesterday"

Mr. Harcourt moved to postpone further consideration of the subject until Tuesday next. Carried

On Mr. Harcourts motion a Bill to amend the 1st section of an act to fix the salaries of officers and clerks therein named was taken up and the yeas and nays upon the adoption of the majority report stood thus

Yeas. Messrs Charleton, Dickson, Durant, Ford, Gurley, Holland, Jowers, Kinsey, Montague, Selman, Throckmorton, Weatherford, Wooten, Wilson and White 15

Nays. Messrs Beasley, Harcourt, Hartley, Haskell, Lea, Maxey, Mitchell, Moore of Davis, Moore of Bastrop, and Quayle 10.

A Message from the House announced the appointment of the following committees to act in conjunction with Committees of the Senate on the same subjects. Frontier Defense, Messrs Kyle, Ranck, Tyler, Jones, Buckley, Howard of La Vaca, Haxton, Prince and McCarthy

Military Board Messrs. Buckley, Collier, Patton, McGuire, Walker, Sampson, Bush

The Senate then adjourned until 10 oclk A. M. on Monday next.

Senate Chamber. Monday, November 9. 1863
10 oclk A M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called. Quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Kinsey presented the memorial of sundry citizens of his district asking permission to organize a minute Company for certain purposes. Referred to Committee on Military affairs.

The Judiciary Committee by Mr. Harcourt their Chairman reported a substitute for a Bill to regulate Continuances in the District Court, also the following reports

"The Judiciary Committee have duly Considered a Bill to amend the 4th Section of an act regulating the descent and distribution of estates and instruct me to return the same to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass. The bill proposes a radical change in the descent and distribution of property which we think it unwise and inexpedient to make at the present time. Many of our citizens have entered the Military Service where their lives will be imperilled with the understanding that in case of their death their property will descend in the mode now prescribed by law. Any change of the law during the present war would we think be an unjust interfer-

ence with the disposition of property and lead to much discontent and mischief."

"The Judiciary Committee have considered a resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency and Constitutionality of the passage of a law stopping interest on all debts where Confederate money has been tendered in payment of the same and di rect me to return the same to the Senate with the following report. The Constitution of the State of Texas Sec 14 Art 1. declares "No bill of attainder. ex post facto law, retroactive law, or any law impairing the obligation of Contracts shall be made." The Constitution of the Confederate States Sec 10. Art 1. declares "No state shall enter into any treaty alliance or confederation, grant letters of marque and reprisal, Coin money, make any thing but gold and silver Coin a tender in payment of debts pass any bill of attainder ex post facto law or law impairing the obligation of contracts"

The Committee feel no hesitation in expressing the opinion that the proposed legislation would be repugnant to each of these Constitutional prohibitions

The proposition is in effect, if not in fact, to make Confederate money a legal tender as it inflicts the same penalty for a refusal to receive it in payment. The legal effect of a refusal to receive payment of a debt when a legal tender of payment is made is simply that the interest upon the debt shall stop running from the date of such tender, the debt itself is not extinguished.

By the provision of the Confederate Constitution above quoted the States are prohibited from making any thing but gold and silver Coin a tender in payment of debts and any law attempting to do this either directly or indirectly would be in violation of the Constitution inoperative and void

The clause of our state Constitution above quoted also contains a prohibition against this class of legislation. As it would be retroactive in effect and impair the obligation of Contracts."

Mr. Gurrin introduced a Joint Resolution relative to the extension of the Conscript laws and for other purposes. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Committee on State Affairs

Mr. Montague introduced a Bill to prevent deserters from exercising the right of suffrage Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Judiciary Committee

Mr. Maxey introduced a bill to prevent sabbath breaking Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Committee on State affairs.

The following committees to act in conjunction with Committees from the House were announced.

On Frontier Defense. Messrs Quayle Burney. Moore of Bastrop Wilson and Selman

On Military Board. Messrs Throckmorton Somers Wootten, Harcourt and Mitchell.

Mr. Maxey introduced a Bill for the benefit of holders of certificates issued to the Memphis El Paso and Pacific rail road Company. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

Mr. Somers introduced a Bill to provide for the support of the families of Texas Soldiers. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Committee on State affairs.

Mr. Gurrin moved to reconsider the vote taken on Saturday adopting the report of committee on State affairs recommending that the bill to amend the 1st. section of an act fixing the salaries of officers and clerks therein named do not pass.

Mr. Parsons moved to postpone the motion to reconsider until Wednesday next Carried.

Mr. Hartley introduces a Bill appropreating $500.000 as a hospital fund for the sick and wounded soldiers from Texas in the service of the Confederate States. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Committee on State affairs

The Senate then adjourned until to morrow morning 10 oclk.

Senate Chamber Tuesday November 10. 1863
10 oclk A. M

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Cooley Senator elect from the Senatorial District came forward took the oath of office and his seat

Mr. Gurley Chairman of Committee on claims and accounts reported the bill for relief of George O Barney and recommended its passage. Also a substitute for a Bill for relief of A. J. Vaughn of Kinney County.

Mr. White from the Committee on State affairs made the following reports.

"The committee on State affairs to whom was referred a bill appropriating 500000 $ for the relief of sick and wounded soldiers &c. have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that the first section of said bill should pass, amended by adding after the word "Dollars" the words "in Confederate notes"

Your committee are of opinion that the 2d section should be so amended as to provide that the amount appropriated shall be raised by other means than the issue of Treasury warrants which it considers impolitic and unconstitutional. impolitic because that while it augments a debt already immense to be paid in gold and silver its value is merely nominal - a debt to be paid by the labor of a people now oppressed with heavy burdens. It is also impolitic because it adds to a currency already redundant thereby depreciating its own value and that of the Confederate notes. It is unconstitutional being a violation of the 8th Section 7th Art. of the Constitution.

The committee believe that the sum of $ 500000 in Confederate notes may be raised by the sale of the bonds of the State bearing interest at from 6. 6 & per ct. based alone upon the credit of the State These bonds with proper management would probably sell in the market for confederate money at a price ranging from three to six hundred per ct. realizing the sum asked for in the bill by liabilities of the State in a sum less than Two hundred thousand dollars at the same time obviating the evil of increasing the redundant Currency. With this view of the subject your committee have drawn a substitute and recommend its passage."

"This committee have had under consideration a bill to prohibit Sabbath breaking and a majority have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate without amendment and recommend its serious consideration. In making this report the Committee are not satisfied that the provisions of the bill are unexceptionable but would call the attention of the Senate to the propriety of some such measure"

Mr. Lea introduced the following, which was adopted.

"Resolved that the Committee on Finance inquire and report concerning the necessity and propriety of adopting a system of taxation which shall be equal and uniform throughout the State on all property in proportion to its value according to the Constitution with its exceptions; and whether the system should provide for taxing respectively in their kinds the articles of specie, bank notes, Treasury warrants of this state and Treasury notes of the Confederate States of America; and whether the system should further provide for assessing the values of all other kinds of property

in such Confederate paper Currency as shall be receivable for the ordinary taxes"

Mr. Ford offered the following;

"Resolved that the Committee on Finance be required to inquire into the necessity and propriety of authorizing the County Courts of the several Counties to levy and collect a produce tax in Kind for the support of such indigent persons as are or may be supported in whole or in part by the County and report by bill or otherwise." Adopted

Mr. Harcourt introduced a Bill to further regulate proceedings in the Supreme court. Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Gwinn introduced bill to amend the 11. & 13. sections of an act to organize County Courts Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Mauzy introduced a Bill for the relief of Robert Price. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Moore of Davis introduced a Bill to amend the 1. 2. & 3 sections of an act to punish persons who evade or assist in evading the Conscript laws. Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A Bill to amend the 4th section of an act relating to the descent and distribution of estates with report of Judiciary Committee recommending that it do not pass. Read 2d time and report adopted

The report of Judiciary Committee on the resolution relative to stopping interest on debts where Confederate Money is tendered in payment was adopted as the sense of the Senate on that Question

A Bill to regulate Continuances in Civil and Criminal suits with report of Judiciary Committee recommending a substitute Read 2nd time and the substitute adopted.

Mr. Harcourt offered the following amendment "Sec 2 That during the present war Civil Causes pending in the District Courts may be continued without prejudice upon suggestion that the parties or their witnesses are absent in the military service" Adopted

Mr. Parsons offered the following amendment After the word "material" insert "And that he knows of no other witness by whom he can prove the same facts"

On Mr. Lea's motion the further Consideration of the subject was postponed until to morrow morning at 11 oclk

The Senate then adjourned until 10 oclk A.M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber Wednesday November 11. 1863
10 oclk A. M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain roll called. quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Harcourt chairman of the Judiciary committee on their behalf reported the bill to further regulate proceedings in the Supreme Court and recommended its passage. The following report was also presented. "The Judiciary committee have considered a bill to amend the 11 & 13 sections of an act to organize County Courts approved March 11th. 1848. and a majority of the Committee instruct me to return the same to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass.

The object of the proposed amendment is to increase the term of office of the Chief Justices and County Commissioners and County Clerks from two to four years and the Committee are of opinion that at the present time no necessity exists for the proposed change. Without expressing an opinion as to the propriety of

after the termination of the present war, the committee think that it would be improper nor because a majority of our voting population are absent in the army and could have no voice in filling these important offices"

Mr. Maxey from committee on State affairs on behalf of that Committee reported as substitute for the Joint Resolution asking the repeal of ale property exemption and property detail laws.

Mr. Charleton Chairman of Committee on Public lands reported the bill granting lands to Texas soldiers in the present war and recommended its passage with the following amendments. Strike out the 5th Section and all of 6th Section after the word "domain."

Mr. White offered the following

"Resolved that while the Country is draped in mourning it is a desecration of the Legislative Halls to permit them to be used for the purpose of balls or other amusements and that the Senate Chamber shall not be used for such purposes during this session." Adopted

Mr Durant introduced a Bill for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Moore Read 1st 2nd time and referred to Committee on Private Land claims

Mr. Ford introduces a Bill to provide for the employment of additional labor in the State Penitentiary. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Committee on Penitentiary.

Mr. Mitchell introduced a Bill for the relief of Peter Norton. Read 1st & 2. time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims

The bill to regulate Continuances in the District Court during the present war being the special order was on motion of Mr. Harcourt recommitted to Judiciary Committee

The resolution reported by the Committee on Public Printing in relation to subscribing for the State Gazettee with the substitute offered by Mr Gurrin therefor being in order Mr. Parsons moved to lay the substitute on the table, whereupon Mr. Gurrin moved to amend so as to lay the resolution proposed by the Committee on the table also. Mr Parsons then called a division of the question The question being on laying the substitute on the table Mr Parsons moved a Call of the Senate which being sustained and the Senate not being full, the bill to amend the 1st section of an act to fix the salaries of officers and clerks therein named was announced as being in order. The absent senators having returned to the Chamber the question was put on laying on the table Mr. Gurrins substitute and Carried by the following vote

Yeas Messrs Beasley, Cooley, Charleton Ford Harcourt Harter, Haskell Holland Nord Lea Maxey, Mitchell Moore of Davis Moore of B. Montague Parsons Wootten Wilson & White 19

Nays. Messrs Burney, Dickson Durant Gurrin, Jordan Somers Kinsey Quayle Selman Throckmorton & Weatherford 11.

Mr. Gurrin then withdrew his motion to table the resolution

Mr. Dickson moved to amend the resolution of the Committee as follows "Provided the same shall contain the proceedings of the Senate and be paid for in Confederate Treasury notes" adopted. The resolution was then adopted by the following vote.

Yeas. Messrs Beasley Charleton Cooley, Ford, Harcourt Harter, Haskale Holland Nord Lea, Maxey, Mitchell Moore of D. Moore of B. Montague Parsons, Wootten Wilson and White 19

Nays. Messrs. Burney Dickson Durant, Gurrin Jordan, Somers Kinsey Quayle Selman Throckmorton & Weatherford 11

The Question on the reconsideration of the vote adopting reports of majority of the Committee on State affairs recommending that the bill to amend the 1st Section of an act fixing the salaries of officers and clerks therein named do not pass being the special order. The yeas and nays were called and stood thus;

Yeas Messrs Beasley Burney Gurnin Harcourt Hartley, Haskell Jordan Lea Maxey Mitchell Moore of O. Moore of B. Montague Parsons Quayle 15

Nays Messrs Charleton Cooley Dickson Durant Ford Holland Hord Somers Kinsey Selman, Throckmorton. Weatherford Wootten. Wilson & White 15

There being a tie the President voted Yea.

Mr Parsons moved to lay the report on the table. Mr. Throckmorton moved to amend by laying the bill on the table also. A division being called for the report was laid on the table and the motion to lay the bill on the table was put and lost by the following vote.

Yeas Messrs Burney Charleton Cooley Dickson Durant, Ford Holland, Somers Kinsey, Selman, Throckmorton Weatherford, Wootten Wilson & White 15.

Nays Messrs Beasley Gurnin Harcourt, Hartley Haskell Hord Jordan Lea Maxey Mitchell, Moore of O Moore of B Montague Parsons Quayle 15.

The President voted Nay Whereupon Mr Gurnin moved to strike out 1400$ and insert 1200$ Mr Selman called a division. The question on striking out was then put and carried. When Mr Dickson moved to refer the bill to Committee on Finance — Carried.

A Bill for relief of Geo E Burney. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill appropriating 500,000$ for the benefit of sick and wounded soldiers in the service of the C. S. with report of Committee on State affairs recommending amendments. Read 2nd time and made special order for friday next at 11 o'clk a m.

A Bill to prevent sabbath breaking read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A Bill for relief of A J Vaughan of Lamar County Read 2 time — substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clk A M to morrow.

Senate Chamber Thursday November 12 1863
10 o'clk A M.

Senate met Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called. Quorum present The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Harcourt chairman of Judiciary Committee on behalf of said Committee reported a substitute for bill for relief of Robert Price and recommended its adoption. Also bill to amend the 1st 2nd and 3rd sections of an act to punish persons who evade or assist in evading the Conscript Laws and recommended that it do not pass. Also the following reports "The Committee have considered a bill to regulate voting in certain cases and instruct me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass. The qualifications of citizenship and the right of exercising the elective franchise are fully defined and guaranties in the State Constitution and such citizens could not be disfranchised except by due course of the law of the land

Without expressing an opinion as to whether a law upon the subject might be framed so as not to contravene these provisions of the Constitution the Committee are of opinion that the proposed legislation is unnecessary and inexpedient" "The Committee have considered a Bill for the benefit of holders of land certificates issued to the Memphis El Paso and Pacific rail road Company and instruct me to return the same back to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass. The object of the bill is to grant patents to the holders of land Certificates issued under the provisions of the act incorporating said Railway Company and the Committee are of opinion

that no legal or equitable grounds are presented which would justify the relief sought. If the parties have any legal rights they can be enforced in the Courts. If the rail road is ever completed the distance of 25 miles as provided in the 17th Section of the Charter the patents will be duly issued. If the road is not so completed the inducement for granting the land will have failed and the title should not issue."

Mr. Ford Chairman of the Committee on Public printing reported that the Committee had Contracted for 10 copies of the Weekly Gazette for each Senator at the rate of 30¢ per hundred and for 2000 copies of the Inaugural address of Gov. Murrah at the sum of 132$ the Senate furnishing the paper.

Mr. Wootten made the following report showing the data required to be shown by a resolution of the Senate on that subject. "The number of sections of land in the Memphis El Paso and Pacific rail road reserve belonging to the state is 473. - Sectionized by other rail roads for the state is 1658. By the La Vaca Navigation Company 48 sections. Galveston & Brazos Navigation Company 71. Alternate sections of the Fisher & Miller Colony - 3000. Total 5230 sections. In addition there are twelve Leagues set apart for Indian purposes which have not been sectionized or disposed of by Legislation. Of the fifth Leagues of land set apart for the University there have been sold 38.683 acres and of this amount there are 10.101½ acres sold on which no payment has been made."

Mr Lea offered the following

"Resolved that the Committee on Finance inquire and report concerning the expediency of selling to the Confederate Government all the cloths made at the penitentiary, except such portions as may be necessary for providing food and other supplies for the establishment and for meeting demands of the Military board of this state Adopted.

Mr. Gurin introduced a Bill repealing Certain provisions of the revenue laws relative to the tax upon stills. Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr Durant presented the a/c of L. C. Glover. Referred to Committee on Claims and accounts

Mr Wilson introduced a Bill requiring Aliens to perform military service Read 1. & 2 time and referred to Committee on Military affairs.

Mr. Maxey offered the following

"Resolved that the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the propriety of reporting a bill requiring the Chief Justices of the several Counties to redeem and withdraw from Circulation all their issues of a denomination exceeding One Dollar and that they report by bill or otherwise" adopted.

Mr. Gurin offered the following

"Resolved that the Committee on public printing is authorized to Contract with the Publisher of the State Gazette for 10 Copies of the weekly Gazette for the use of the President." Adopted.

A message from the House announced the passage of a bill prescribing the duties of District Attorneys in Certain Cases.

Mr. Somers moved to reconsider the vote taken on yesterday which adopted the resolution offered by Mr White relative to the appropriation of the Senate Chamber for balls or other amusements. Carried. Mr. Somers then offered the following substitute Resolved that the President of the Senate be and he is hereby requested not to grant the use of the Senate Chamber for balls or parties during the present session.

On Mr. Lea's motion the resolution and substitute were laid on the table.

Hon C. B. Shepard senator elect from the 23 senatorial district presented his Credentials took the oath of office and his seat.

A mesage was received from the Governor nominating Hon R. L Townes as Secretary of State. which was on motion taken up and the nomination Confirmed.

A Bill granting land to Texas soldiers in the C. S. service Read 2d time and made special order for Saturday next at 11 oclk A. M.

A Joint Resolution asking the repeal of all property exemption laws Read 2d time and made special order for Monday next at 11 oclk A M.

A Bill to further regulate proceedings in the supreme Court Read 2 time and made special order for Tuesday next at 11 oclk A M

A Bill to amend the 11 & 13 section of an act to organize County Courts read 2d time Report of Judiciary Committee recommending that it do not pass adopted

House bill prescribing the duties of District attorneys in certain Cases. Read 1st 2 times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr Moorefield reported the following bills Correctly engroped. A Bill for relief of Geo C Burney A Bill for relief of A J Vaughan. and a bill to prohibit Sabbath breaking

The Senate then Adjourned until 10 oclk A. M to morrow

Senate Chamber November 13. 1863
Friday 10 oclk A. M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called Quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Dickson presented the petition of Philander Priestley asking for land. Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr Lea chairman of Committee on Finance made the following reports. On the resolution relative to change bills issued by County Courts as follows "Art 400 of the Penal code is a prohibition against the issuing of such bills; and illegality attaches to County Court issues as to those of private persons. Notwithstanding the prohibitory law, public sentiment has tolerated such issues since the Commencement of the war. But the supposed necessity for such issues has been gradually diminished by the circulation of small Confederate notes; and public sentiment is now denouncing all such outstanding issues of unofficial persons while it manifests a growing disapprobation of the issues of County Courts especially of bills over the amount of fifty Cents.

Both official and private offenders against the existing law may be visited by its penalties unless the modifications of public sentiment be practically respected by those who Continually stand liable to prosecutions. As such sentiment shall become impatient with disobedience of its requirements the present law may be enforced; but in the mean time additional legislation might be unavailing.

The Committee deems it inexpedient to legislate so as to sanction any of the past illegalities by discrimination among them, and it is not satisfied that any of the evils would be remedied by additional penalties or other provisions of law

The Committee recommends that the subject be left in the hands of the public under the existing law until another session of the Legislature."

Upon a bill to amend the 1st Section of an act fixing the salaries of officers and clerks therein named the Committee "recommends that the Caption be amended by adding the words "approved January 14 1862" and by a majority of five to two that the bill as amended in the Senate by striking out 14 inserting 12 be passed. The effect would be to raise the salary of the Governor

private secretary from 900$ to 1200$ and so place this clerkship in the 2nd Class among those of the departments at Austin.

The committee will briefly state some reasons for now making this change.

First The Committee is well satisfied that equality among the Clerkships requires that this salary should be at least 1200$

Second the Committee is well informed that the last regular session of the Legislature when it passed the act which the present bill proposes to Amend would have fixed this salary at 1200$ but for a personal Casualty. This circumstance being obviated the Committee think that the omission should now be remedied as Comparative justice

Third The Committee is fully persuaded that the public interest requires that this officer should have such qualifications as must entitle him to the proposed salary especially during the Continuance of the present war.

Under such Circumstances the proposed change is not to be considered as a committal for any other change but the reverse. The Committee is not aware of any similar Case and the peculiarities of this Case as an exception requiring change only establish the Contrary as to other Cases"

Mr Dickson made the following report by leave of the Senate.

"The undersigned a minority of the Committee on finance dissenting from the report of the majority are able to increase the annual salary of the Secretary of the Executive report, that in their opinion the proposed measure at the present time is highly injudicious. That officer from the organization of the State Government to the present time has never received more than the salary now fixed by law and while it is admitted that it is but a poor remuneration now for the services of an active and efficient clerk. in view of the enhanced prices of all the necessary articles of life, still the great fact cannot be lost sight of that in the present disturbed and troubled Condition of the Country with a currency Constantly fluctuating in its value that all the officials of the State government from the highest to the lowest are alike called upon to submit to the same disagreeable condition of things and serve the state for an amount which affords but a precarious living and which under other and more favorable circumstances they would not be required to submit to. The officers and soldiers of the army with an enlarged and cumulative patriotism through toil disease and the Carnage of the battle field yield their services to the Country as dirons and dangerous as they are for comparatively nothing in the way of a remuneration in money thousands of them too are gentlemen well qualified for the discharge of any and all of the important duties of Civil state in and yet their Compensation is not sufficient to furnish the Commonest necessaries of life. Your Committee Cannot see why this inequality should exist, why the Citizen in the army should be required to give his services to the Country and the Citizen in Civil employment with a position of Comparative ease should be the reciprocal of governmental favors and advantages.

Contemplating the Constantly increasing debt of the State and the fact that our people will be called upon to pay by taxation and otherwise a debt already large and which from our present surroundings must soon be much larger the present is deemed by your committee an inauspicious time to enter upon an increase of the salaries of State officials, they would infinitely prefer to see them reduced and the finances of the State closely husbanded to meet the increasing and Constantly accumulating public debt, nor Can your Committee see why all other state officials should not have as good and equitable a right to an increase of their salaries as the one embraced in this bill.

A. C. Dickson
W. P. Rockmorton

Mr. Kinsey by leave made a minority reports on the bill appropriating 500000$ for the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers in C. S. army

Mr. Gurrin chairman of Committee on Claims and accounts reported on the acts of S. C.

Glover and recommended its reference to finance Committee to be inserted in general appropriation bill.

Mr. Ford chairman of Committee on Public printing reported that the Committee had contracted for 10 additional Copies of the Weekly gazette for the use of the President of the Senate

Mr. Lea introduced a bill to require district attorneys to report to the Comptrollers office in certain Cases. Read 1st time.

Mr. Parsons introduced a Bill to fix the prices of Certain articles therein named when sold to soldiers or their families Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Judiciary Committee

Mr. Maxey introduced a Joint Resolution in relation to the Currency. Read 1 & 2 times and referred to Committee on Confederate relations.

A Bill appropriating 300,000$ for hospital funds Read 2nd time and the whole subject referred to Finance Committee

A Bill for the benefit of holders of land Certificates issued to the Memphis El Paso and Pacific R. R. Company. Read 2nd time and laid on table.

A Bill to regulate voting in Certain Cases. Read 2nd time Report of Committee recommending that it do not pass adopted.

The report of special Committee made on yesterday by Mr. Wooster Chairman was referred to Committee on Finance.

A Bill to amend 1. 2 & 3. sections of an act to punish persons who evade or assist in evading the Conscript laws. Read 2 time and report of Committee recommending that it do not pass. adopted.

A Bill for relief of Robert Price Read 2 time - substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed.

A Bill to prevent Sabbath breaking. Read 3rd time and made special order for Wednesday next.

A Bill for relief of A J Vaughan Read 3rd time and passed.

A message from the House announced the passage of the following bills.

A Bill to authorize the Supreme Court for the Galveston District to hold its spring term at the City of Austin. Read 1 & 2. time and referred to Judiciary Committee

A Bill to amend an act to punish speculation in Certain Cases. Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Judiciary Committee

A Bill for the relief of preemption settlers. Read 1 & 2. time and referred to committee on Public lands.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 oclk A. M. to morrow

Senate Chamber Saturday Novr 14. 1863

10 oclk A. M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Somers presented the memorial of John A Murchison in relation to land. Ref. to Committee on Private land Claims.

Mr Harcourt Chairman of Judicy Committee reported a Bill prescribing the duties of District attornies in Certain Cases and recommended its passage.

A Bill for relief of Robert Price was reported Correctly engrossed.

Mr. Throckmorton Chrm of Committee on Military affairs reported upon the memorial of Citizens of San Augustine and Sabine Counties relative to a minute Company, recommending that no action be had on the subject

Mr Moore of D. introduced a Bill to incorporate the Sulphur Fork Iron Company Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvement

Mr. Gurrin introduced a Joint Resolution expressive of the sense of the Legislature relative to the Currency. Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Committee on Confederate relations.

A Bill to require District attorneys to report to Comptroller, office in certain Cases. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of Committee on Finance concerning Change bills was read and adopted.

A Bill for relief of Robert Price Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to amend the 1st section of an act fixing the salaries of officers and clerks therein named. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed by the following vote.

Yeas. Messrs Beale, Gurrin, Harcourt, Hartley, Haskell, Lea, Maxey, Mitchell, Moore of D. Moore of B. Montague, Parsons, Quayle, Shepard & Wilson. 15.

Nays Messrs Burney, Cooley, Dickson, Durant, Ford, Holland, Jones, Kinsey, Selman, Throckmorton, Weatherford, Wooten & White. 13.

The vote taken on yesterday which adopted the report of Committee adversely to a bill to regulate voting in Certain Cases was reconsidered and the bill made special order for Monday 16th inst.

A Bill donating lands to the Texas Soldiers in the war with the U. S. Read 3rd time and postponed until Wednesday next.

The Senate then adjourned until Monday Morning 10 o'clk A. M.

Senate Chamber Monday November 16. 1863
10 o'clk A M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain roll called. Quorum present. The journal of saturday was read and adopted

The Judiciary Committee reported the following bills recommending their passage

A Bill to amend an act to punish speculation in certain Cases.

A Bill to authorize the Supreme Court for the Galveston District to hold its Spring term at the City of Austin.

The following bills were reported Correctly engrossed

A Bill to amend 1st Section of an act to fix salaries of officers and Clerks

A Bill to require District attorneys to report to Comptroller, office in Certain Cases.

The Committee on Public Lands reported a substitute for a bill to suspend the location and survey of land.

Mr. Gurrin introduced a Joint Resolution authorizing the Military board to pay the Confederate tax levied on Whitescarver, Campbell & Co. Read 1 & 2. time and referred to Com. on Finance.

Mr. White introduced a Bill to amend the existing law regulating the disposition of decedents estates in the absence of persons entitled to take the same. Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Kinsey introduced a Bill to repeal an act to provide for the sale of lots in the City of Austin Read 1 & 2 time. and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Gurrin introduced a Bill to amend art 392 of the Penal Code Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shepard presented the Memorial of Henry K. Harrison which was referred to Judiciary Committee

The papage of the following bills were announced from the House.

Joint Resolution relative to purchasing beeves in Texas by Payne & Co. with Counterfeit Confederate Money. Read 1 & 2. time and referred to Com. on Confederate relations

A Bill to authorize the use of the jails of the several Counties for the custody of

deserters &c. Read 1 & 2. time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Joint Resolution of thanks to Texan soldiers Read 1. time

A bill to suspend all laws for the Collection of debts &c Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Judiciary Committee

A Bill to require District attorneys to report to the Comptroller office in certain cases. Read 3r. time and passed.

The report of Committee on Memorial of citizens of San Augustine & Sabine Counties was adopted.

A Bill prescribing the duties of District attorneys in certain Cases therein named. Read 2. time and passed to 3rd reading

The Committees report on the case of J. C. Glover was adopted

Mr. Holland was excused from attendance on the Senate for the remainder of the session

Mr. Wilson offered resolution of respect to the Memory of T. C. Read Senatorelect of the 19. senatorial District which were unanimously adopted and thereupon the Senate adjourned until 10 oclk A M to morrow

Senate Chamber Tuesday November 17. 1863
10 oclk A M.

Senate met. Roll called Quorum present. The journal of Yesterday was read and adopted.

The committee on Private Land claims reported a substitute for a Bill for the relief of Peter Norton, also a Bill for relief of John Murchison founded on his memorial. Read 1st time.

The Judiciary Committee reported a bill to authorize the use of the jails of the several counties for the Custody of deserters and recommended its passage. Also a Bill to amend Art 392 of the Penal Code recommending that it do not pass. Also a Bill for the relief of Henry K. Harrison founded on his memorial. Read 1st time

The committee on Internal Improvements reported a Bill to incorporate the Sulphur Fork Iron Company recommending its passage.

The Committee on Confederate relations reported a substitute for a Joint Resolution in regard to purchasing beeves in Texas by Payne & co with Counterfeit Confederate Money Also a Joint Resolution expressive of the sense of the Legislature relative to the Currency recommending its passage

The Committee on Public lands recommended the passage of a bill for the relief of preemption settlers

The Committee on State affairs reported a Joint Resolution relative to the extension of the Conscript laws and recommended that the same do not pass.

Mr. Shepard from Judiciary Committee reported for the majority a Bill to suspend all laws for the Collection of debts and recommended its passage

Mr. Ford introduced a bill to prescribe the duties of the Military board Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Committee on State affairs.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill for the relief of Carey Walton & his assignees Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims

Mr Charleton introduced a Bill defining the duties of the agent of the Alabama and Coshatte Indians Read 1 & 2 time and refer'd to Committee on Indian affrs

Mr. White introduced a Bill to amend the 3rd part of the Criminal Code. Read 1 & 2. time and referred to Committee on Judiciary

A Bill to amend 1st Section of an act fixing the salaries of officers and &c.

therein names. Read 3rd time & passed by the following vote

Yeas. Messrs Beasley Currin Harcourt Hartley, Haskell Jordan Lea Massey Mitchell Moore of D Moore of R. Montague Parsons Quayle, Shepard & Nelson 16.

Nays Messrs Burney, Charleton, Cooley, Dickson, Durant Ford, Holland Jowers Kinsey, Selman, Throckmorton Weatherford Wootten & White 12.

A message was received from the House that they had adopted a resolution to adjourn sine die on 1st December prox.

The motion to reconsider the vote adopting Committee report on a Bill to regulate voting in Certain Cases. was put and carried. The subject was then referred to a select committee of Messrs Kinsey Parsons Currin Lea and Ford.

Joint Resolution relative to the repeal of all property exemption and property detail laws Read 2nd time

Mr. Currin moved to strike out the 2nd section Whereupon the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clk A M to morrow.

Senate Chamber Wednesday November 18 1863
10 o'clock. A. M.

Senate met, Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read. and adopted.

Mr Jordan presented the petition of C. C. Ferguson for land Refered to Committee on Private Land claims.

The finance Committee reported a substitute for a bill appropriating 300000$ as a hospital fund- also recommended the passage of a Joint Resolution authorizing the Military Board to pay the Confederate tax levied on Messrs Whitesaver Campbell &c.

The Military Committee reported a substitute for a bill for the enrollement and organization of State troops and a Bill requiring aliens to perform Military duty and a resolution on the subject of substitutes recommending its passage.

The committee on Private Land claims recommended the passage of a Bill for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Moore dec'd.

The committee on Indian Affairs reported recommending the passage of a bill defining the duties of Agent of the Alabama and Coshatte Indians

The select Committee on Frontier defense reported a bill to define a frontier line and to provide for its defense. Read 1st time

Mr. Durant introduced a Joint Resolution on the subject of the sequestered property of alien enemies Read 1st & 2nd time and referred to Committee on State affairs

The committee on Penitentiary recommended the adoption of the following amendments to a bill to provide for the employment of additional labor in the Penitentiary After "Penitentiary" in 4th line 4th Section add "or out of proceeds of sales of articles manufactured therein"

Mr Wootten offered the following

"Resolved that the Finance Committee be requested to Consider the practicability of embracing in their tax bill the levying a tax in the year 1864 on all property brought into this state since January 1. 1863 also that they be requested to consider the necessity of levying an income tax on all retailers of spirituous liquors in quantities of less than One Quart." Adopted.

The motion to strike out 2nd Section of a Joint Resolution requesting the repeal of all property exemption and property detail laws was put and carried.

Mr Lea moved to strike out all of 1st Section in relation to the levying an Ordinance

tax on negroes not employed in agriculture or manufactures and requiring an ad valorem tax to be levied on raw or uncultivated land.

Yeas. Mesrs Beasley Dickson Durant Ford Gurrin Hartley Hord Somers Sea, Moore of B. Shepard Throckmorton Watten Wilson & White 13

Nays Mesrs Burney Charleton Coley Holland Kinsey, Maxey Mitchell, Montague, Parsons Quayle, Selman & Weatherford 12.

The Joint Resolution was then ordered to be engrossed by the following vote,

Yeas. 22 being unanimous.

The Bill to prevent Sabbath breaking being the special order was read 2nd time Mr Somers moved to amend by inserting "Provided that in all Cases of suits by indictment in the District Courts or prosecuted in Magistrates Courts where the parties so prosecuted are not convicted the informer shall pay all costs of suit incurred, and the informers name shall be endorsed upon the back of the indictment information or warrant of arrest."

Mr Ford offered the following which was accepted Strike out all after the word "Convicted" and insert "The Judge or court trying the same if satisfied that the defendant is prosecuted through malice or a desire to injure him shall adjudge the costs of prosecution against the prosecutor."

The bill and proposed amendment were then referred to a select committee of five and Mesrs Maxey Gurrin Ford. Somers and Sea were announced.

Mr Selman introduced a Joint Resolution relative to the Co. States owning property for Forts dockyards &c &c Read 1st & 2. time and referred to Committee on Confederate relations.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 oclk A M to morrow

Senate Chamber Thursday Nov 19. 1863
10 oclk A M

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called Quorum present The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A Joint Resolution asking the repeal of all property exemption and property detail laws was reported Correctly engrossed.

The following bills were reported by Judiciary Committee with the recommendation that they do not pass.

A Bill to amend the existing law regulating the disposition of the estates of deceased

A Bill to amend the third part of the Criminal Code.

A Bill to fix the prices of articles of necessity therein mentioned.

The select committee reported a substitute for a Bill to prevent sabbath breaking

Mr. Selman introduced a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the State Constitution Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to further regulate proceedings in the Supreme Court Read 2nd time Mr Hartley offered the following amendment. "Provided it shall appear to the Court that all the parties in interest are properly represented by Counsel and in case it shall not so appear the Court shall pass such Case and proceed to the adjudication of other Cases"

The further consideration of the bill was then postponed until Monday next at 11 oclk A. M.

A Bill donating land to Texas soldiers was made special order for to morrow at 11 oclk A M.

The substitute of Committee to a bill to prevent sabbath breaking was adopted -

Mr. Dickson moved to exempt Postmasters and ferrymen from the provision of the bill — Carried.

Mr. Harcourt offered the following "Provided that this act shall not apply to any work done on sugar plantations during the Sugar making season"

Mr. Walker offered to amend the proposition by extending the provisions to the saving of any crop.

The propositions were laid on the table.

Mr. Mitchell then proposed as an amendment to exempt persons engaged in the vocation of stockraising which proposition was tabled by a vote of 14 to 12.

Mr. Guinn moved to amend by striking out the words "or society" adopted.

Mr Lea moved to insert the words "or manager of" in sec 2. adopted.

Mr. Ford moved to insert the word "time" before "or seasons" adopted.

Mr. Durant offered the following "Sec 6. Any person who may keep open on the sabbath day, any billiard saloon or ten pin alley. or any person who shall play at either of these games on the sabbath day shall be subject to the like penalty as is inflicted in Sec. 5."

Mr Shepard moves to strike out "5" and "10" and insert "50" and "100" lost.

Mr. Guinn proposed to amend Mr. Durants proposition by inserting "for each game played" Adopted. The amendment was then adopted.

Mr. Harcourt proposed to amend the Caption as follows "An act to set apart the Lords day as a day of rest" Strike out "Sabbath" and insert "Lords day". lost.

A message from the House announced the passage of a bill to authorize an election in Dallas County. Read 1st time Rule suspended Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

Whereupon the Senate adjourned until 9 oclk A. M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber Friday November 20 1863
9 oclk. A. M.

Senate met roll called Quorum present The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Brockenbrough presented the petition of J. Browne which was referred to the committee on State affairs

The committee on Confederate Relations reported a substitute for a Joint Resolution in relation to the C S owning property for Forts dockyards &c

Mr. Montague introduced a Bill to authorize the military Board to dispose of a certain portion of Percussion Caps Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Committee on Mil. Affrs.

Mr. Guinn introduced a bill making owners of slaves responsible for property stolen destroyed or otherwise injured by them Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Com. on Judcy

Mr. Brockenbrough introduced a bill to authorize the Comptroller to issue a duplicate ten pr. ct Treasury warrant Read 1 & 2 time and refer'd to Com. on Clms & accts.

A Bill to prevent sabbath breaking was read 2nd time After several immaterial propositions to amend the bill was postponed until to morrow 11 oclk A. M.

The committee on Finance reported a Joint Resolution providing for the sale of cloth made at the State Penitentiary. Read 1st time.

The following bills were announced as having passed the House

A Bill supplemental to and to amend the 1st & 4th Sections of an act appropriating $ 20.000 for recovering the roofs of the Capitol. General Land office &c Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Committee on State affairs.

Joint Resolution requesting our Senators and representatives in Congress to increase

the wages of the non commissioned officers and privates in the army and navy of the C. S.
Read 1 & 2. time and referred to Committee on Confederate relations

Joint Resolution in relation to the Territories of New Mexico Arizona and Colorado. Read 1 & 2 time and referred to committee on State affairs.

A Bill to raise one Million Dollars by sale of Cotton bonds &c Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Finance Committee.

A Bill donating land to Texas soldiers. Read 2nd time Amendmandments & Comm adopted ... Several immaterial amendments having been proposed and Mr Hartley offering a substitute for the whole measure, the Senate thereupon adjourned until 9½ o'clk A.M. to morrow

Senate Chamber Saturday Nov 21. 1863
9½ o'clock A. M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on Private Land Claims reported a bill for relief of Carey Watson recommending its passage

The committee on Claims & Fees recommended the passage of a bill to authorize the Comptroller to issue a duplicate ten pr ct Treasury warrant and asked to be discharged from the further Consideration of the Memorial of Jas H Rogers.

Mr Gwin introduced the following bills.

A Bill to Incorporate the Waco Manufacturing Company Read 1 & 2 time & referred to Committee on State affairs

A Bill supplementary to and amendatory of an act to establish a penal Code. Read 1 & 2 time and refer'd to Committee on Judiciary.

The Com. on State affrs reported a substitute for a bill to provide for the support of families of Texan Soldiers also recommended the passage of a bill on the subject of sequestered property of alien enemies.

The following bill was announced from the House "To amend art 400 & 401 of the Penal code and more effectually to suppress the issuance and circulation of paper Money Read 1st & 2nd time and referred to Judiciary Committee

The committee on Conf. relations recommended the passage of a Joint Resolution to increase the pay of Non Commissioned officers and privates in C. S army.

A Bill donating Land to Texas soldiers read 2nd time. A motion to lay Mr Hartleys substitute on the table was lost by the Casting vote of the President The subject was then postponed until 11 o'clk A M on Monday.

Mr. Hartley introduced a Bill to establish a board of Commerce and Manufactures. Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Com on Finance.

The Comm on Mil affrs recommended the passage of a bill in relation to the disposition of percussion caps.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a Bill for relief of James P. Dumas, Read 1 & 2 time and refer'd to Com. on Clms & Fees.

Mr. Ford introduced a Bill supplemental to the act of Mar 6/63 for the support of families & dependents of soldiers. Read. 1 & 2 time and refer'd to Finance Comm

Mr. Marcont presented the Memorial of D. C. Hayden and C. Crawford for Land Refer'd to Com. on Private Land Claims.

A Bill to prevent sabbath breaking Read 2. time Mr. Throckmorton offered a substitute which was adopted. Sundry propositions to amend being made the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clk A M on Monday. Messrs Somers & [illegible]

having been announced as a committee on Treasurers books.

Senate Chamber Monday Nov. 23. 1863
9 oclk A M

Senate met. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

A Bill to punish Certain offences committed on Sunday was reported Correctly engrossed.

The committee on Claims & Accts reported that the blank in the bill for relief of Jas P. Dumas be filled with $3325 - 00/100 and that the bill be passed.

A Bill prescribing the duties of District attorneys Read 3rd time amended and passed.

Joint Resolution of thanks to Texan soldiers. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to amend an act to punish speculation in certain Cases Read 2nd time & passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to authorize the Supreme Court for the Galveston District to hold its Spring term at the City of Austin or elsewhere Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read. 3rd time and passed.

A Bill for relief of Peter Norton Read 2nd time. Substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed.

Resolution to adjourn sine die on Tuesday 1st Dec was postponed until next Saturday 10 oclk A M.

The following bills were announced from the House.

A Bill concerning Common Carriers and defining their liabilities in certain Cases. Read 1st & 2nd time and refrd to Judy Comm.

A Bill to regulate the distillation of Spirituous or ardent liquors. Read 1st & 2nd time and refrd to Com on Finance.

Mr Lea introduced bill to provide for special terms of the district Courts for trials of person charged with high Crimes. Read 1st & 2nd time and referred to Com on Judiciary

A Bill for relief of John Murchison. Read 2 time and ordered to be engrossed.

A Bill to authorize the use of the jails of the several Counties for the custody of deserters Read 2 time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to amend art 392 of the Penal Code Read 2 time and laid on table.

Mr. Jordan introduced a Bill to define and punish the crime of disloyalty to the State of Texas Read 1st & 2 time and refrd to Judy Comm.

Joint Resolution authorizing Military Board to pay the Confederate tax levied on Whitecarver Campbell & Co. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to Incorporate the Sulphur fork Iron Company Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed on calls of Yeas and Nays unanimously

Joint Resolution in relation to the purchase of beeves in Texas by Payne & others & Counterfeit Confd. Money. Read 2. time substitute adopted. First & 2nd Sections were stricken out and resolution passed to 3rd reading. rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

Joint Resolution in relation to the Conf. Govt. owning Land for docks &c. Read 2 time substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3. time & passed

The Senate then adjourned until 9 oclk A. M. to morrow

Senate Chamber Tuesday Nov. 24. 1863
Oclk A.M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain roll called. quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The committee on Private Land claims reported a bill for relief of A. & Ferguson founded on his memorial. Read 1st time. Also bill for relief of heirs of M B Crawford Read 1st time.

The Judiciary Comt. reported a Bill supplementary to and amendatory of an act to establish a penal Code and recommended its passage

A Bill for relief of Peter Norton and a Bill for relief of John Murchison were reported correctly engrossed

Mr Lowes introduced a Bill for relief of Billups & Hassel Read 1 & 2 time and referred to comm. on Finance.

Mr Ford introduced a Bill to provide for electing Senators and Representatives to the 11 Legislature in counties occupied by the public enemy Read 1 & 2 time and refd to comm. on State affrs.

Mr. Lea introduced a Bill to amend the 3rd section of an act to change and provide an uniform time for terminating the fiscal year Read 1 & 2 time and refer to Com. on Judiciary

Mr Kinsey introduced a Bill to provide for a digest of the laws of Texas Read 1 & 2. time and referred to Judiciary Committee

Mr Maxey introduced a Bill to organize volunteer militia Companies. Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Com on Mil. affrs.

A Joint Resolution expressive of the sense of the Legislature relative to the Currency was laid on table.

A Bill donating land to Texas soldiers being under discussion the Senate rec'd an invitation to meet in Joint session in the Representative hall to hear the Governors message whereupon a recess of ten minutes was taken and having expired the Senate repaired to the Hall of the House.

In Joint Session

Roll called. quorum present. The message was then read in presence of both Houses. The Senate having returned to their Chamber. the following bills were reported correctly engrossed

A Bill to amend the acts to cede jurisdiction &c

A Bill to incorporate the Sulphur fork iron Company and

A Joint Resolution relative to the payment of the Confederate tax.

The following bills were reported correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor

A Bill to amend an act to punish speculation in certain Cases.

Joint Resolution of Thanks to Texas soldiers.

The Senate then adjourned until to Morrow Oclk A.M.

Senate Chamber Wednesday Nov. 25 1863
Oclk a. m.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Davis presented the Memorial of N. B. Burns relative to lands. Refrd to Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Judiciary committee recommended the passage of the following bills.

A Bill to amend an act concerning Common Carriers and defining their liabilities

A Bill to define and punish the Crime of disloyalty .. and recommended that the following do not pass

A Bill to amend the 3rd section of the act to provide an uniform time for closing the fiscal Year.

A Bill to amend art 600 and 601 of the penal Code

The Finance Committe recommended the passage of a Joint Resolution for the relief of Billups & Hassel

A resolution was offered by Mr. Quayle requesting the Com. on printing to procure 2000 copies of the Governors Message which was adopted

A resolution by Mr. Beasley instructing the Committe on Mil affairs to inquire into the practicability of arganzing all men between the ages of 30 & 60 years for home defense was adopted

A resolution by Mr. Durant referring so much of the Governors message as relates to the school system to Committee on Education was adopted.

A Bill further regulating proceedings in the supreme court Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A Bill to amend the 1st Section of an act Concerning wills Read 2nd time & rereferred to Judiciary Committee.

The following bills were announced as having passed the House.

A Bill for relief of A. J. Vaughan

A Bill to amend Caption and 1st Section of an act relating to forfeitures &c Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Judcy Comt.

A Bill to establish the boundaries of Live Oak and McMullen counties. Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com on County boundaries

A Bill to amend 7th sec of an act to regulate proceedings in County Courts pertaining to estates of deceased persons. Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Judiciary Committee

A Bill to amend an act to organize County Courts Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Judcy Committee

A Bill to amend 1st section of an act to regulate proceedings in the District Courts Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Judcy Comtee

A Bill to authorize County Courts to regulate the pay of Sheriffs in Certain Cases. Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Judiciary Committee.

A Bill defining the County line between the Counties of Harrison & Marion Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com. on County boundaries.

A Bill to relieve Carro M Quarles of the disability of minority Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Com. on Judiciary and.

A Bill to amend the acts to cede Jurisdiction &c from the States to

A Bill to suspend the location and survey of public Lands Read 2nd time amended Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed

Joint Resolution in relation to the repeal of all property exemption and property detail laws Read 3rd time and passed.

The report of Judician Committee on bill to amend art 392 of the penal code adversely thereto was adopted.

A bill donating Land to Texas soldiers was considered and referred to a select Committe of seven. whereupon Messrs Jordan, White Throckmorton Masterson and Dickson were announced as the Committee

A Bill for relief of preemption settlers. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Hon Mark Wilkin Potter were presented by Mr. North and unanaminously adopted. When the senate

adjourned until 10 oclk A.M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber Thursday, Nov. 26. 1863
10 oclk a.m.

Senate met prayer by the Chaplain roll called Quorum present The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The committee on Public lands reported adversely to a bill to repeal an act to provide for the sale of lots in the City of Austin

The Judiciary Committee recommended the passage of the following bills.

A bill to authorize the County Courts to regulate the pay of Sheriffs in Certain Cases

A Bill to amend 1st sec. of an act to regulate proceedings in the District Courts

A Bill to amend 71st sec. of an act to regulate proceedings in the County Courts pertaining to estates of deceased persons.

A Bill to amend Caption and 1st sec of an act relating to forfeitures

A Bill to relieve Carro M Quarles of the disability of minority and recommended that A Joint Resolution proposing to amend the State Constitution do not pass.

The Committee on State affairs recommended the passage of a substitute for a bill for the to prescribe the duties of the Military Board. and recommended the passage of a Bill to provide for electing Senators and Representatives to the 11 legislature for 1865 in counties occupied by the public enemy, also a Bill appropriating 20,000$ for recovering public buildings with amendments.

The Finance Committee reported a bill to raise 1,000,000$ by sale of Colton bonds &c and recommended that 1000000$ be stricken out and 2000000$ inserted. Report taken up. amendments adopted and bill passed to 3rd reading.

The following bills were reported Correctly engrossed.

A Bill further regulating proceedings in the Supreme Court

A Bill to suspend the location and Survey of public Lands.

The Judiciary Committee reported a substitute for the bill to amend an act Concerning wills.

The Committee on County boundaries reported the following bills and recommended their passage.

A Bill defining the County line between Harrison & Marion Counties

A Bill to establish the boundaries of Live Oak & McMullen counties

Mr. Guinn offered a resolution requesting the Com on Mil affrs. to Consider the expediency of so modifying the law in relation to the Frontier Regiment as to place the power in the hands of the Executive to turn it over to the C.S. Government. Adopted.

Mr. Burney offered a resolution requesting Committee on Penitentiary to Consider the propriety of increasing the bond of the Financial agent and require him to make returns Monthly. Adopted

Mr. Harcourt introduced a Bill to amend Art 960 of the Code of Criminal proceedure Read 1st time.

Mr. Guinn introduced a bill to repeal the proviso of 2nd section of an act to provide for defense of the frontier &c &c Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com. on Mil affrs.

Mr. Ford introduced a Bill to provide for the Manufacture of Spinning Pennies. Read 1 & 2 time and refered to Com. on State affrs.

A Bill to provide for the employment of additional labor in State penitentiary. Read 2nd time Amendments of Committee adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

Joint Resolution in relation to the extension of the Transcript laws. Report-

of Committee adversely to its passage adopted.

A Bill to suspend all laws for the collection of debts Read 2nd time and postponed until 10 oclk A M to morrow

A Bill defining the duties of agent of the Alabama Coshattee and Muscogee Indians Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read. 3rd time & passed.

The following bills were announced from the House.

A Bill respecting guardianships Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Judcy Comt.

A Bill to incorporate the Palmey and Brazos Nitre and powder Manufacturing Company Read 1 & 2 time and refer to Com on State affrs.

A Bill making an appropriation for the Mileage and pr diem pay of the members and pr. diem pay of officers of 10th Legislature. Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Comt on Finance.

Senate Joint Resolution for the payment of Confederate tax and Joint Resolution asking the repeal of all property exemption and property detail laws

A Bill for relief of Lewis or Thomas Moore. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill appropriating 300000$ as a hospital fund. Read 2nd time substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to fix the prices of articles of necessity therein mentioned &c Read 2 time and made special order for Monday next 11 oclk A. M.

A Bill to amend 3rd part of Criminal Code Read 2 time and made special order for Tuesday next 10 oclk A. M.

A Bill supplementary to and amendatory of an act to establish a penal code Read 2. time and made special order for Saturday 11 oclk A M. to be considered in Committee of the whole.

The report of Judcy Com. adversely to a Bill to amend the existing laws in relation to the disposition of estates, was adopted

Mr. Nord introduced a Bill to authorize the Governor to appoint Certain General officers Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com on Military affrs.

A Bill to provide for the support of families of Texan Soldiers being under Consideration as Mr. Quayle having moved to reconsider a vote adopting Mr Harcourts substitute to a Bill granting land to Texas Soldiers the Senate adjourned until 10 oclk A M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber Friday Nov 27/63
9 oclk A. M.

Senate met. prayer by the chaplain roll called. quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted

The Committee on Finance reported adversely to a Bill to create a Board of Commerce and manufactures

The following bills were reported Correctly engrossed

A Bill to provide for the employment of additional labor in the state Penitentiary

A Bill for relief of heirs of Thomas Moore

A Bill defining the duties of agent of the Alabama Coshatta and Muscogee Indians

Mr. Bowers introduced a Joint Resolution to provide for the preperation of a roll of honor of the Citizen soldiery of the State. Read 1 & 2 time. and referred to Committee on Confederate Relations.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a Bill to define the boundary of the headright league

of land granted to James McNair and Ew McKain Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Committee on State affairs.

A Bill further to prescribe the duties of the military board Read 2 time substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to provide for the families of Texian soldiers Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3 time and passed

The committee on Printing reported a contract for 2000 copies of the Governors message for $ 1144.00 and ordering 400 $ Senate furnishing paper.

Mr Selman introduced a Joint Resolution relative to the Contract of Short Bisco & Co with the Military Board. Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Committee on State affairs.

A Bill to suspend all laws for the collection of debts Read 2nd time and passed to 3 reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed

A Bill to raise 200000 $ by sale of Cotton bonds Read 3rd time and passed

A Bill to authorize the sale of percussion Caps. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3 time and refered to select Committee consisting of Messrs Montague Lea and Throckmorton.

Joint Resolution in relation to increase of pay of soldiers. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read 3 time and passed.

The Senate then Adjourned until 9 oclk A.M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber Saturday Nov 28. 1863
9 oclk A M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A Bill providing for the support of families of Texan soldiers and a Bill to provide for the manufacture of iron by the Military Board were reported Correctly engrossed.

Mr. Montague Chairman of select Committee reported substitute for a bill to authorize the sale of percussion Caps.

Mr. Moore of D. introduced a Joint Resolution requesting the Commanding general to detail men for Texas iron works Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com State affrs.

Mr Dickson introduced a Bill to authorize the Governor to employ a suitable person to take charge of the libraries and other property belonging to the Capitol Read 1 & 2 times and refrd to Com. State affrs.

Mr. Montague introduced a Joint Resolution Concerning the manufacture of salt Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com. State affrs

The com on State affrs reported a substitute for a bill to provide for the manufacture of spinning jennies — a substitute for a Joint Resolution for relief of Short Bisco &c and recommended the passage of the bill to define the boundary of the McNair and McKain league of land also reported adversely to the memorial of James Browne

A Bill to amend the 1st section of an act Concerning wills Read 2. time, a substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill for relief of Carey Watson. Read 2. time Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to relieve Carro M. Quarles of the disabilities of minority. Read 2. time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to provide for the manufactur of spinning jennies Read 2nd time

Rule suspended read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill for relief of Short Biscoe Decd. Read 2 time Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill for relief of Messrs Billups & Hassel. Read 2 time Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill defining the County line between the Counties of Harrison & Marion Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to establish the boundaries of Live Oak & McMullen Counties Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill for relief of Peter Norton Read 3rd time and passed.

The Resolution to adjourn sine die was postponed until Saturday next.

The following bills were announced from the House.

Senates Bills. To incorporate the Sulphur Ford Iron Company with amendments which were Concurred in. and Bill for relief of Robert Price.

House bill to incorporate the east Texas manufacturing Company. Read 1st 2. time and refrd to Com on State affrs.

A Bill amendatory of and supplemental to an act to establish a penal code being the order the senate went into Committee of the whole Mr. Dickson in the chair. After some time spent therein the Committee rose reported progress and asked leave to sit again at 3 oclk P. M next Tuesday and recommended that 150 copies of the bill be printed. Adopted.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 oclk A. M on Monday.

Senate Chamber Monday November 30. 1864
9 oclk A. M.

Senate met Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called a quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

The Committee on Private Land claims reported adversely upon the memorial of P. Priestley

The Finance Committee recommended the passage of a Bill making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of the members and the per diem pay of officers of the 10th Legislature.

A Bill for relief of A. K. Harrison and A Bill to provide for the manufacture of spinning Jennies was reported Correctly engrossed.

A substitute for bill granting Land to Texan Soldiers was reported by the special Committee

Mr Lea introduced a Bill to regulate distilleries and to repeal the law authorizing license therefor Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com on Finance.

Mr. Bowers introduced a Bill for the benefit of minor heirs of Ino D. Long. Read 1 & 2. time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Beasley introduced a Bill to legalize the acts of Leb Galloway notary Public of Upshur County Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Ford introduced a Bill to provide for the appointment of Superintendent of Public Works and to prescribe his duties. Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Select Comm. of five Consisting of Messrs Ford White Jordan Throckmorton & Lea.

Joint Resolution on the subject of requestered property of alien enemies was indefinitely postponed.

A Bill for relief of John Murchison
Read 3rd time & passed.

Mr Ford introduced a Bill to punish speculation in permits to export Cotton. Read 1 & 2. time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a Bill for relief of D. M Bowdi Company. Read 1 & 2 time and refer. to Com on claims and accts.

Mr. Shepard introduced a Bill to establish the Texas manufacturing Company. Read 1 & 2 time and refer. to Judiciary Comm.t

A substitute was reported for a Bill to establish the Waco manufacturing Company which was adopted and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3 time and passed on Call of Yeas and nays unanimously

A Joint Resolution Concerning the disposal of Cloths made at the Penitentiary being under Consideration. The Senate adjourned until 3 oclk P. M.

3 oclk P. M.

Senate met. roll called Quorum present.

The Joint Resolution Concerning the disposal of Cloths made at the Penitentiary being again Considered was ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

Mr Moore of B. introduced a Bill to incorporate the Bastrop iron Company Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com. on State affrs.

A Bill to authorize the Comptroller to issue a ten per ct. Treasury warrant. Read 2 time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3rd time & passed.

A substitute for bill donating Land to Texas soldiers was taken up and having been considered for some time the senate adjourned until 9 oclk A. M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber Tuesday Dec 1 1863

9 oclk A. M.

Senate met. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Judiciary Committee reported adversely to a Bill for the benefit of the heirs of John Long

The committee on Education recommended the passage of a Bill to incorporate San Saba Masonic College.

Mr Ford introduced a Bill for relief of owners of land sold for taxes Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Com. on State affairs.

Mr. Cooley introduced a Bill to incorporate the Comal oil Company Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com. State affrs.

Mr. Lea introduced a Bill to provide for military organization &c Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Mil. affrs.

The substitute for the bill granting land to Texas soldiers was adopted and ordered to be engrossed.

The com. on Penitentiary reported the following bills which were severally read 1st time. A Bill to amend art 123 Chap 6. of the Penal Code. A Bill to amend 1st Sec. of an act requiring the financial agt. of the Penitentiary to settle his accts quarterly.

A Bill to amend the 3rd part of the Criminal Code was refrd to Com. on Penitentiary

A Bill making an appropriation for mileage and pr. diem pay &c &c was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading Rule suspended. Read 3rd time & passed.

Mr. Shepard introduced a Bill to incorporate the Hempstead manufacturing Company Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com. on State affrs.

The House amdts to a Bill to incorporate the Sulphur Fork Iron Company were concurred in.

The substitute proposed for a bill authorizing the sale of percussion Caps was adopted and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to define the boundaries of Live Oak and McMullen Counties. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill for relief of James P. Dumas. Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3 time and passed.

A Bill for relief of Lewis C. Ferguson Read 2nd time

A Bill for relief of Leis. of M. B. Crawford. Read 2nd time and Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to amend an act Concerning Common Carriers Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 3 oclk P. M.

3 oclk P M.

Senate met. roll called. Quorum present.

A Bill fixing the prices of articles of Necessity when sold to Soldiers or their families being in order was discussed and pending a call of the Senate thereon an adjournment was moved until 9 oclk A. M. to morrow and carried.

Senate Chamber Wednesday Dec 2 1863
9 oclk A M

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on Education recommended the passage of a Bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the neighborhood of San Saba College.

The Com on State affrs. recommended the passage of a bill to authorize the Governor to employ a suitable person to take charge of the library &c &c in the Capitol

The com on Mil affrs reported a substitute for a Joint Resolution in relation to two flags captured from the enemy. and a Bill to aid enrolling officers in the discharge of their official duties recommending its passage

The committee on State affrs reported the following bills recommending their passage

A Bill to incorporate the Palacios and Bronco Sulphur Nitre and Borax Manufacturing Company

A Bill to suspend the operation of the Stray Laws.

A Bill for relief of owners of land sold for taxes

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Military Board to manufacture salt

A Bill to Incorporate the Comal oil Company

A Joint Resolution requesting the detail of men for Texas Iron works

A Bill to incorporate the East Texas manufacturing Company.

A Bill to incorporate the Hempstead Manufacturing Company. and

A Bill to incorporate the Bastrop Iron Company.

The Committee on clms & accts recommended as substitute for a Bill for relief of J. M. Bowers Company

The committee on Private Land Claims reported upon the Memorial of M. Burns a bill for his relief. Read 1st time

The bill amendatory of and supplemental to an act to establish a penal Code was again Considered in Committee of the whole, and amendments thereto being reported the subject was made special order for to morrow 10 oclk A. M.

A substitute for a Bill to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of public works was reported by the select committee.

The committee on Private Land Claims recommended the passage of a bill for the relief of Francis L. Tracy

Mr Throckmorton introduced a Bill to regulate the Cancellation of patents in certain Cases. Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com. on Public Lands.

A Bill in relation to the Nueces and Rio Grande league of land was ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 oclk A. M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber Thursday Dec 3. 1863

10 oclk A M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. role called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted

The Com. on Rio Boundaries reported recommending the passage of a bill to provide for ascertaining Conflicts in surveys and County boundaries.

The Com on Conf. relations recommended the passage of Joint Resolution for the improvement of Conf. Treas. Notes.

The Judcy Com. recommended the passage of the following bills.

A Bill to incorporate the Texas Manufacturing Company.

A Bill to authorize Geo W. Glascock to sue the State. and A Bill to provide for special terms of the District Court for the trial of persons charged with high crimes recommending that it do not pass.

The Com on State affrs. recommended the passage of a bill to charter the City of Galveston.

The Com. on Finance recommended a substitute for the measures referred to them with regard to the distillation of grain, and the passage of senate bills to regulate distilleries and to repeal the law authorizing licenses therefor.

A Bill to charter the City of Galveston was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

Mr Durant introduced a Bill to incorporate the Port Sullivan College. Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com. on Education.

Upon the frontier bill the Com on Mil affrs reported amendments and recommended the passage of the bill.

The bill amendatory of and supplemental to an act to establish a penal code being freely discussed. was ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3rd time & passed.

A Bill granting land to Texas soldiers Read 3rd time and passed.

The report of Judcy Com. recommending that a Bill to amend art 400 & 401 of the Penal code do not pass was adopted.

A Bill to suspend the operation of the Estray laws. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

The report of Judcy Com. recommending that a Joint Resolution to change the Constitution do not pass was adopted.

A Bill to change and provide an uniform time for terminating the fiscal year Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3rd time & passed.

A Bill for relief of heirs of Francis L. Toucary Read 2nd time & passed to 3rd read Rule sus. Read 3rd time & passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 oclk A M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber Friday Dec 4. 1863.
10 oclk A. M.

Senate met. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted

The com on Public lands reported adversely to a Bill to regulate the Cancellation of Patents

The Com on Finance recommended the papage of a Bill intended to relieve the heirs of Benj. D. Nobles.

The Com. on Education recommended the papage of a Bill to incorporate Port Sullivan College.

The Com on Conf. relations recommended the passage of a Bill in relation to Conf. Money.

Mr. Parsons introduced a Bill to incorporate the rusk County Iron Company, Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com. on State affrs.

A Bill to provide for electing Senators and representatives to the Legislature of the State in Counties occupied by the public enemy. Read 2 time & ordered to be engrossed.

A Bill to amend 1st Sec of an act to regulate proceedings in the District Courts Read 2nd time and passed to 3r reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and paped.

A Bill to authorize the County Courts to regulate the pay of Sheriffs in Certain Cases Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3r time and paped.

The report of Com Pub Lands. adversely to a Bill to repeal an act to provide for the sale of lots in the City of Austin was adopted

A Bill to amend Caption and 1st section of an act relating to forfeitures. Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3rd time and paped.

The report of finance Com. adversely to a bill to establish a board of Commerce and manufactures was adopted.

A Bill to provide for the protection of the frontier Read 2nd time and paped to 3. reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time & paped.

The report of Com. State affrs adversely to Memorial of James Browne was adopted

A Bill to incorporate the Texas manufacturing Company. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engroped. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and paped.

A Bill to amend Art 960 of the Code of Criminal procedure. Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3r time & paped.

A Bill to incorporate the Bastrop Iron Company Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3rd time and paped.

A Bill for relief of D. M. Bowen Company Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3rd time and paped.

A Bill for relief of Wm B. Burns Read 2. time Rule suspended. Read 3r time & paped.

Mr. Hartley introduced a Bill to establish the salaries of members of the Military Board, Read 1 & 2. time and refrd to Judy Com.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 oclk A. M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber Saturday Dec. 5. 1863
9 oclk A. M.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of Yesterday was read and adopted.

The Com. on State affrs recommended the passage of the following bills.

A Bill to encourage the erection of Certain Machinery

A Bill to prevent the sale of liquors near the town of Dallas.

The Judy Committee recommended the passage of the following bills:

A Bill to amend an act organizing County Courts.
A Bill to validate the official acts of Joseph Mullis.
A Bill to provide for the organization of McMullen County.
A Bill to amend 38th section of an act to regulate proceedings in County Courts. and reported adversely to a Bill to amend 23. section of an act to organize District Courts.
The Com. on Education recommended the passage of a bill to incorporate Parsons Female Seminary.
Mr. Shepard introduced a bill in relation to the Heirs of N.J. Mills. Read 1st 2. time and refer to Judicy Committee.
The resolution to adjourn sine die on 16th december was adopted.
The com. on Militia affairs presented a bill for relief of the Texas Indians. Read 1 time Rule susp. Read 2. time Rule sus Read. 3. time & passed.
The Finance Com. recommended the passage of a bill to prohibit the sale of liquors near Round Rock.
The com on Penitentiary reported adversely to a bill to amend the 3rd part of the penal Code.
The bill to regulate Distilleries and to repeal the law authorizing licences therefor having been discussed on its 2. reading was ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3. time & passed.
A Joint Resolution to authorize the Military Board to manufacture salt was ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3. time & passed.
A motion to reconsider the vote adopting report of Finance Com adversely to a Bill to Create a board of Commerce and Manufactures, was made whereupon the Senate adjourned until Monday 9 oclk A.M.

Senate Chamber Monday Dec 7. 1863.
9 o:clk A. M.

Senate met Roll called. Quorum present. The journal of saturday was read and adopted.
Mr. Davis presented the Petition of S J. Galbraith relative to University lands. Refd to Com on Private Land Claims.
The Judicy Com. reported substitute for a bill to define and punish sedition.
Mr. Dickson introduced a Bill authorizing the Comptroller to receive from Rail Road Companies the interest due on their bonds Read 1 time Rule sus. read 2d time and ordd to be engrossed. Rule sus. read 3rd time and passed.
Mr Beasley introduced a Bill for relief of Rail road Companies Read 1 & 2 time and ref to Com. on Internal Improvements.
Messrs Ford Burney and Quayle were appointed a committee to report a bill making appropriation to pay deficits in appropriations for pay and support of regt. of State Troops &c in accordance with a resolution offered by Mr. Ford and adopted on that subject.
A Bill to incorporate Port Sullivan male and female College Read 2. time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3. time and passed.
A Bill to prevent the sale of liquors in or near the town of Dallas. Read 2nd time Rule sus. read 3. time and passed.
A Bill for relief of Kenn C. Ferguson. Read 2 time Rule suspended Read 3. time and passed.
A Bill to amend the 71 sec. of an act to regulate proceedings in County Courts Read 2. time and passed to 3. reading Rule suspended Read 3 time and passed.

A Bill to amend 1st Section of an act to require the financial agent of the Penitentiary to settle his accounts quarterly Read 2. time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to amend Art 123 Chap 6 of the Penal Code Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to incorporate San Saba Masonic College Read 2nd time and passed 6-3. reading Rule sus Read 3rd time and passed.

Mr Giviun introduces a Bill authorizing the appointment of a fiscal agent Read 1st refrd to select committee

Joint Resolution in relation to two Yankee flags. Read 2nd time Rule suspended Read 3. time & passed.

A Bill to aid enrolling officers in the discharge of their official duties. Read 2 time and passed to 3. reading. Rule suspended Read 3. time and passed.

Joint Resolution requesting the detail of men for Texas Iron works. Read 2 time Rule sus. Read 3. time & passed.

A bill to authorize Geo. W. Glascock to sue the State was discussed on its second reading and made the order for next Saturday.

The Senate adjourned pending the Consideration of a Bill on the subject of the distillation of grain until to morrow morning at 9 o'clk A. M.

Senate Chamber Tuesday Dec 8. 1863
9 o'clk A. M.

Senate met roll called quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on State affairs reported and recommended the passage of a Bill to Incorporate the Rusk County Iron Company

The substitute of Finance Committee for House bill in relation to the distillation of spirits was discussed and adopted. The question on its passage to 3rd reading was then put and carried Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate refused to reconsider the vote passing the bill to regulate distilleries and to repeal the law authorizing licenses therefor.

A Bill to provide for electing Senators and representatives to 11 Legislature in Counties occupied by the public enemy Read 3rd time and passed.

The committee on private land claims recommended the passage of a bill for the relief of Saml. J. Galbraith Read 1st time Rule suspended. Read 2 time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

Mr Hartley introduced a Bill to remit the State and County taxes on property situated on Galveston Island and Virginia point. Read 1 & 2 time and referred to Judiciary committee.

A Joint Resolution relative to Confederate Currency was read 2nd time and laid on the table.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clk A. M. to morrow

Senate Chamber Wednesday Dec. 9/63
9 o'clk A. M

Senate met. roll called. Quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted

The Judiciary Committee reported and recommended the passage of a bill in relation to the Heirs of H. J. Mills.

A Bill to amend an act to punish sedition and to prevent the dangers which may arise from persons disaffected to the State Read 3rd time Substitute adopted and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to relieve the heirs of Benj D. Nobles. Read 2. time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to punish the Crime of disloyalty to the State Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended Read 3 time and passed.

A Bill to suspend the location and survey of public lands Read 1 & 2 time & refered to Committee on Public Lands.

The Committee on State affrs recommended the passage of a Bill to Incorporate the Gonzales mutual aid association and a Bill to Incorporate the Seguin mutual aid association

A Bill to encourage the erection of Certain Machinery by donations of Land and otherwise Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed

Mr Hartley Chmn of Select Com reported a Bill to Create a Board of public works and supplies and recommended its passage

A Bill for relief of Wm Dillon Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed. Reconsidered and referred to Judy Comt

A Bill to provide for ascertaining Conflicts in surveys &c Read 2nd time. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

Joint Resolution relative to Confederate Money. Read 2. time and referred to Finance Committee.

A Bill to incorporate the Brazos Paluxy Sulphur and Nitre and powder manufacturing Company. Read 2 time and passed to 3 reading. Rule suspended Read 3 time and passed unanimously.

A Bill for relief of owners of Land sold for taxes Read 2nd time and passed to 3 reading Rule suspended. Read 3 time and passed.

A Bill to incorporate the Hempstead manufacturing Company Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3. time and passed.

A Bill to authorize a suitable person to take Charge of the library &c Read 2nd time. Mr Kinsey offered a substitute which was adopted and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3. time and passed.

The Judiciary Comt reported adversely to a bill to remit the taxes on property on Galveston and Virginia point and recommended the passage of a bill to suspend location and survey of public lands. taken up. Read 2. time and passed to 3. reading. Rule sus. Read 3. time and passed.

A Bill to incorporate the East Texas manufacturing Company Read 2 time and passed to 3 reading. Rule sus. Read 3. time and passed

A Bill to incorporate the Rusk County Iron Company. Read 2. time and ordered to be engrossed Rule sus. Read 3. time and passed.

Mr Ford introduced a Joint Resolution Concerning the Impressment Law Read 1 & 2 time and refer'd to Com. on Judy.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 oclk A. M. to morrow

Senate Chamber Thursday Dec 10. 1863
9 o'clk A. M.

Senate met. roll Called. quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Judiciary Committee reported adversely to a bill for relief of Wm D Dillon. adopted.

A select Committee reported, recommending the passage of a bill relative to recovering the public buildings. which was taken up read 2 time and passed to 3 reading. Rule suspended Read 3. time and paped.

Messrs Shepard Parsons and Quayle were appointed a committee of free Conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on a bill to provide for the support of the families of Texian Soldiers.

A Bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks in the neighborhood of San Saba masonic College. Read 2. time and ordered to be engrossed Rule suspended Read 3. time and paped.

A Bill to incorporate the Comal oil Company Read 2. time Rule sus. Read 3 time and paped.

The report of Penitentiary Com on Bill to amend 3 part of penal Code recommending that it do not pass was adopted.

A Bill to amend the act organizing County Courts. Read 2. time and passed to 3. reading. Rule suspended Read 3. time and paped.

A Bill to validate the official acts of Leo Walls. Read 2 time and passed to 3. reading. Rule sus. Read 3. time and paped

A Bill to incorporate the Parsons female Seminary. Read 2. time Rule sus. Read 3. time and paped.

The report of Judiciary Com adversely to bill to amend 23 Sec of an act to organize District Courts was adopted.

Mr. Bowers introduced a Joint Resolution in relation to public printing - Refred to Com. on Public Printing

A Bill to provide for apptmt of Superintendent of public works read 2. time - substitute adopted and the further Consideration postponed.

A Bill to amend 38 Sec of an act to regulate proceedings in County Courts pertaining to estates of deceased persons. Read 2. time and paped to 3 reading. Rule suspended Read 3. time and paped.

A Bill providing for the organization of McMullen County Read 2. time and paped to 3. reading Rule sus read 3. time and paped.

A Bill to provide for special terms of the District Court was ordered to be engrossed.

The Com. on Private Land Claims recommended the passage of a bill for relief of heirs of Ayres Moody.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clk A. M. to morrow.

Senate Chamber Friday Dec 11. 1863
9 o'clk A. M

Senate met. roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted

The select com. to which was referred the subject of making an appropriation to supply deficits in former appropriations &c reported a bill for the purpose. Read 1. time Rule sus. Read 2. time Rule sus. Read 3. time and paped.

A Bill for the relief of Ayres Moody Read 2 time and paped to 3. reading. Rule sus. Read 3. time and paped

A Bill authorizing special terms of the District Courts. Read 3. time & passed.

Mr. Ford introduced a Bill supplementary to and amendatory of the Stay Law. Read 1st. time Rule sus. Read 2 time. Rule sus. Read 3. time and passed.

A Bill to create a board of public works and supply. Read 2. time and laid on table.

A Bill to prohibit the sale of liquors near Round Rock. Read 2 time Rule sus. Read 3. time and passed.

A Bill to punish persons who may remove or destroy any timber rails or lumber belonging to the several asylums of this State reported from House. was read 1st. time. Rule sus. Read 2 time. Rule sus. Read 3. time. and passed.

A Bill to prescribe the equivalent to be rendered by persons having Conscientious scruples against bearing arms. Read 1 & 2 time. and refrd. to Judcy. Comt.

A Bill to raise a revenue by taxation. Read 1 & 2 time & refrd to Com on Finance.

A Bill to authorize the Comptroller to issue to A R Crozier a duplicate warrant. Read 1st time. Rule sus. Read. 2. time. Rule sus. Read 3. time & passed.

A Bill providing for the auditing and settling the claims of the state of Texas against the Confederate States. Read 1st. time. Rule sus. Read 2. time. Rule sus. Read 3. time and passed.

A Bill to better provide for the defense of the State. Read 1 & 2 time and refrd to Com on Military affrs.

A Joint Resolution in relation to Confederate money. Read 2. time and passed to 3rd reading.

A Bill to incorporate the Sequin Mutual aid association. Read 2. time and Rule sus. Read 3. time & passed.

A Bill to remit taxes on property on Galveston island and Virginia point. Read 2 time & refrd to Finance Committee.

Mr. Ford introduced a bill amendatory to the law regulating attachments. Read 1. time. Rule sus. Read 2 time. Rule sus. Read 3. time and passed.

A Bill in relation to Heirs of W. J. Mills. Read 2 time. Rule sus. Read 3. time & passed.

A Bill to incorporate the Gonzales mutual association. Read 2. time. Rule suspended. Read 3. time & passed.

A Bill to Create a board of public works and supply. Read 2. time. Rule susp'd. Read 3. time & passed.

A Bill relative to providing assistance for soldiers families. Read 2 time. Rule suspended. Read 3. time & passed.

A Bill to prescribe an equivalent for persons having Conscientious scruples &c. &c. was reported by Com. taken up and read 2 time. pending a motion to indefinitely postpone the Senate adjourned until 9 oclk A M to morrow.

Senate Chamber Saturday dec 12/63
9 oclk A M.

Senate met. roll called. quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Judcy Com. reported a Bill respecting guardianships without any recommendation and a Joint Resolution regarding improvements recommending its passage.

The com on Claims and Accts reported recommending no action on the bill for relief of J. J. Nichols.

A Bill in relation to marks and brands from House. read 1 & 2 time and refrd. to State affrs.

A Bill to aid in punishing offenses committed against the postal laws. Refrd to Jud Cy com.

A Bill for relief of Milton M. Justice Refrd to Com on private Land Claims.

A Bill for relief of Thos. G. McGehee Refrd to Com on private Land Claims

A Bill to amend 2 section of act to regulate interest Refrd to Judy Com.

A Bill to suspend the act to authorize Comal County Court to levy a specie tax Refrd. to Finance Commtt

Joint Resolution to provide for paying State troops Read 1st time Rule sus Read 2 time Rule sus. Read 3. time and paped.

Joint Resolution to pay A Reg't I Md. for certain property Read 1st time Rule sus. Read 2 time Rule sus. Read 3 time and paped.

A Bill for relief of purchasers of University lands. Refrd to Com on Public Lands.

A Bill relative to runaway slaves. Refrd to Judcy Com.

Joint Resolution relative to negroes impressed in Confd. Service Refrd to select Committee.

A Bill amendatory of act to regulate County Courts Refrd to Judcy Com

A Bill to establish division line between Falls and Limestone counties Read 1st. time Rule sus. Read 2 time Rule sus. Read 3. time and paped.

A Bill for relief of W. H. Howard. Refrd to Com Clms & acps.

A Bill for relief of heirs of Jos. Shepard. Refrd to Clms & acps.

A Bill for relief of Jos A. Black Read 1st time Rule sus Read 2 time Rule sus Read 3. time and paped.

A Bill relative to public Mills. Refrd to select Committee

A Bill relative to Pecos Border Comps Refrd to State affrs.

A Bill to provide an equivalent for persons having Conscientious scruples &c &c was refrd to Judcy Com.

A Bill to authorize Geo W. Glascock to sue the State Read 2 time Rule sus Read 3. time and paped.

Mr. Maxey, introduced a Bill to Incorporate the Sons of the South. Refrd to Com on State affrs.

Joint Resolution in relation to Confd Currency Refrd to select Committee

Mr Wootten offered resolutions of respect to the memory of the late P. A. Dickson which were unanimously adopted. adjourning the Senate until 9 o'clk Monday morning.

Senate Chamber Monday Dec 14. 1863

9 o'clk. A. M.

Senate met roll called. quorum present. The Journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

The Com. on Clms and acps reported adversely to a bill for relief of W. H. Howard.

The Com on private Land claims recommended the passage of the following bills

A Bill for relief of heirs of Jos Shepherd A Bill for relief of Thos G. McGehee

A Bill for relief of Milton M Justice.

The Com on In. Imp. reported with sundry amendments a Bill to Incorporate the Sporter Navn Dredging Company

The finance Com. reported substitute for bill to raise revenue by taxation adopted.

Mr. Shepard introduced a Bill to Incorporate the Brazos Manufacturing Company Read 1st time Rule sus Read 2. time and ordered to be engrossed Rule susp Read 3. time and paped.

Mr. Wootten introduced a Joint Resolution endorsing the ability and patriotism of President Davis. Read 1 & 2. time and refer'd to State affairs

The com. of Conference reported a substitute for Bill in relation to soldiers families which was adopted.

Mr. Burney introduced a Bill to Incorporate the Gathing's male and female Allego. Read 1st 2 & 3. times on suspension of rules and p'sed

Mr. Harcourt introduced a bill authorizing the Governor to suspend the writ of Habeas Corpus. Read 1 & 2. time and refer'd to Judiciary Com.

Mr. Hartley introduced a Bill regulating distribution and descent. Read 1 & 2. time & refer'd to Judey Com.

Mr. Somers submitted a report relative to Treasurers books.

The bill to raise revenue by taxation was passed to 3rd. reading Rule suspended Read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Dickson introduced a Bill to regulate publication notices in Certain Cases Read 1st. time Rule sus. Read 2 time and ordered to be engrossed

A Bill to provide for the defence of the State Read 2. time. substitute adopted and passed to 3. reading. Rule suspended. Read 3. time and passed.

The Com on Mil affrs. reported sundry amendments to the bill to amend the militia law which being discussed the Senate resolved itself into Com of the whole thereon Mr. Gurley in the Chair. After some time spent therein the Com rose reported progress & asked leave to sit again

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clk A. M. to morrow

Senate Chamber Tuesday December 13. 1864

Senate met. roll called quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Com on public lands reported with amendments the bill for relief of purchasers of University lands. taken up. Read 2 time Rule sus. Read 3 time & passed.

The finance Com. reported a Bill to provide for procuring Cotton to meet the authorized Cotton bonds. Read 1st time Rule sus Read 2nd time and passed to 3. reading Rule sus Read 3. time and passed.

Mr Somers introduces a Bill supplementary to the act in relation to selling liquors near the town of Dallas Read 1. 2. & 3. times on sus. of rules and passed.

The bill to donate the State and County taxes of Galveston County to that County for the relief of indigent families was laid on table afterwards taken up Read 3. time & passed.

The House reported substitute for Senates bill to Create a board of public works and supplies which was adopted and Read 1 2 & 3 time and passed.

The bill appropriating money to defray the expenses of defending the frontier for 1864 and 1865 was read 1 2 & 3 times and passed.

A Bill to amend the act organizing the State troops was read 3. time & passed.

A Bill to incorporate the Trinity manufacturing Company. Read 3 time & passed.

A Bill to regulate estrays in Certain Counties read 3rd time & passed.

A Bill to incorporate the Washington County Iron Company Read 3 time & passed

The Joint Com. on Military board made a report which was withdrawn in order to submit it to House of Representatives.

A Bill to regulate publication notices in Certain Cases. Read 3 time & passed.

A Bill to amend the act to regulate the sale of beef Cattle Read 3. time & p'sed.

A Bill for Relief of M M Justice Read 3. time & passed.

Joint Resolution endorsing the ability of President Davis Read 3 time & passed.

The report of the Com. of the whole recommending that the bill in relation to the pontoon dredging Company do not pass was adopted.

Joint Resolution accepting two pieces of artillery Captured by Co. I 1st Battalion Arizona was read and passed.

Mr. Davis introduced a Joint Resolution authorizing the issue of percussion caps to the members of the Legislature. Read 1 2 & 3 times on suspension of rules and passed

A Bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor within a mile of the town of Hunts ville was read 1 2 & 3 time and passed.

A Bill to Incorporate the Dons of the South was read 1 time.

A Bill for relief of heirs of Joseph Shephard was read 1 time.

A Bill supplemental to the act to provide for protection was read 3rd time & passed.

A Joint Resolution to the purchase of Cotton by J. J. D. special agent of the penitentiary was laid on table.

A Bill to amend an act to Incorporate the Rose was read 3 time & passed.

A Bill for relief of Thos. G. McGehee was read 1 time.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. Monday

Senate Chamber December 16. 1863

9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met roll called Quorum present Prayer by was read and adopted.

A Joint Resolution in relation to public printing was read 1 time.

A Bill to prescribe the punishment for larceny &c was read 1 time & passed.

A Joint Resolution in relation to the Citizens was

A bill to amend act 412 & 418 of the Civil Code was read 1 2 & 3 time on suspension of the rules and passed

The General appropriation bill was taken up & passed.

Mr. Dickson offered a Resolution to the Senate which was unanimously adopted.

A Bill to amend an act to provide for the Lunatic Asylum Read 3. time & passed

Mr. Torrey offered a resolution of which was unanimously adopted.

The Com on Enrolled bills reported

Messrs Burney Dickson & Morris were appointed a Committee to inform the House of the readiness of the Senate to adjourn who performed that duty and announced the readiness of the Senate to adjourn Sine die

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